#### Norway favours U.N. force for Gulf

ABU DHABI (AP) - Norway would contribute to a United Nations naval force if such a force were deployed to protect shipping in the war-imperiled Guif, a Norwegian official said Sunday. "We find the U.N. war-imperient Guir, a norwegian official said Sunday. "We find the U.N. rask force an interesting idea and if it becomes reality, we may consider our own contribution to such a mission," Kjell Rasmussen of the Norwegian Foreign Ministry told reporters in this southern Gulf port city. Mr. Rasmussen, head of a contingency planning group set up to oversee Norwegian ship attacks in the Gulf by warring Iran and Iraq, was in Dubai on the third len of a Gulf tour which has eacher taken him to Kunning and on the third leg of a Gulf tour which has earlier taken him to Kuwait and Bahrain. He is accompanied by a defence attache from Norway's embassy in London. The visit followed the Dec. 10 Iraqi missile strike on the Norwegian-operated tanker Susangird which had been on charter to Iran. The Norwegian captain and 20 Polish and Filipino crewmen died in the attack, the worst in the so-called Iran-Iraq tanker war. Iraq attacks Iran's shipping lanes to impede its war foe's oil exports, and force Tehran to accept a negotiated end to the seven-year-old conflict.



#### Peres wants 'meaningful' talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres on Sunday called for "meaningful negotiations" between Israel and the Arabs to resolve the continuing protests in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Peres, interviewed on the ABC television news programme "This Week with David Brinkley," urged discussions to resolve the Palestinian protests. "I think what we have now to start is meaningful negotiations and I do believe that the negotiations will result with some solutions that nobody has suggested until now, because in addition to the partition of the lead troughn have other solutions like and troughn to the partition of the lead troughness that the partition of the lead troughness to the partition of the lead troughness the partition of the lead troughness that the partition to the partition of the lead troughness the partition to the partition of the lead troughness the partition to the p addition to the partition of the land, you can have other solutions like a federation, a confederation, sharing the government," Peres said, "Look, let's face it. We are in a terribly complicated situation. There is no simple solution. Whoever will try to proceed the solution before the negotiations will fail," he said. The foreign minister urged directing all energy towards negotiations to end the Mideast conflict.

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#### **Crown Prince meets Omani** minister

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan received Oman's minister of state for defence, Al Mutasem Ibn Hmoud Al Bousaidi and discus-sed with him Jordanian-Omani relations in various fields. Prince Hassan and Mr. Bousaidi also reviewed issues of mutual interest and the recent developments in the region. Earlier on Sunday, Mr. Bousaidi visited the Fourth Royal Mechanised Division and the Martyr's Monument in South

#### U.S. delegation due on Jan. 6

AMMAN (J.T.) — A delegation of ten American Congressional staff members will arrive here on Wednesday Jan. 6 for three days of meetings with senior Jordanian officials. The Congressional legislative assistants will hear the views of Jordan regarding efforts for an international peace conference, trade and commerce issues, regional security concerns and the current situation in the occupied territories. The delegation will also visit Baqaa refugee camp. The host of the delegation's visit is the Arab Cultural Association of Amman headed by Mrs. Khawla Abu Odeh. Organising the visit is the Washington-based National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations. "This visit will enable the Congressional staff members to better understand Jordan's views and positions when they return to Washington and consider legislation that would effect Jordan," said Mr. Ron Cathell, executive director of the National Council.

#### Egyptian envoy to Kuwait dies

KUWAIT (R) — Egypt's new ambassador to Kuwait, Salahuddin Mohammad Hindawi, 47, died on Sunday of a heart attack, the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) reported. Mr. Hindawi took up his post on Dec. 6 after Kuwait restored diplomatic ties with Cairo after an eight-year break caused by Egypt's 1979 treaty with Israel.

### Capucci seeks Jewish support for Palestinians

ROME (AP) — Greek Catholic Archbishop Hilarion Capucci marked the 13th day of a hunger strike in protest against Israeli actions against Palestinian protesters with a call for Jewish support of the Palestinian cause. The 65year-old Capucci said Jews, "having for years known the tragedy of being wanderers and exiles," should be among the first to understand the Palestinian quest for a homeland, according to the Italian news agency AGI. The Syrian-born patriarch is conducting his strike at the Rome office of the Arab League.

#### Iran to fly 'drones' over Gulf

King Hassan called for an Isla-NICOSIA (AP) — Iran will fly pilotless reconnaissance planes over the Gulf after U.S. forces mic summit last year following violence between Iranian pilgrims and Saudi Arabian security forces deployed similar "drones," an Iranian newspaper reported Sunin Mecca in July but diplomats say the response was poor. The U.N. Security Council and

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### Israeli soldier kills Palestinian housewife; occupation authorities order 9 Arabs expelled

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — An Israeli soldiershot dead a Palestinian houswife in fresh violence in the occupied West Bank on Sunday after Israel said it was expelling nine Arabs from the occupied territories. The killing of Haniya Suleiman

Zarawneh, 25, in the village of Al Rom near Jerusalem, was the first by soldiers in nearly two weeks. According to official Israeli count, troops killed 23 Palestinians last month in two weeks of anti-occupation protests in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Enam, a cousin of Ms. Zarawneh and who witnessed the killing, said a soldier fired at the woman from a short distance after chasing a boy demonstrator to their three-storey apartment

'A single soldier was chasing a small boy... the boy ran into the house through a glass door and the soldier fired at the door," said Enam, pointing at two bullet holes visible in the glass door.

Enam, who declined to give her last name for fear of reprisals, said the soldier tried to break in through another door and then ran around the house to a veranda where Ms. Zarawneh was busy hanging her washing.

She said that the soldier apparently captured the boy and fired at Ms. Zarawneh after an argument in which she pleaded

that the boy be released. "He apparently fired from a very close distance, two to three metres," she said.

Jerusalem

Committee

meets today

on situation

in occupied

RABAT (R) — Islamic ministers will discuss the Palestinian upris-

ing in the Israeli-occupied Arab

territories on Monday and Palestine Liberation Organisa-tion (PLO) would urge full sup-

The PLO is on the Organisa-

tion of Islamic Conference's

(OIC) 15-member Jerusalem

Committee, which Morocco's

King Hassan has summoned to

discuss the bloody events in the

occupied territories and to adopt

"a clear and sound position, with-

out any sectarian or partisan

the United States, Israel's main ally, severely criticised Israeli

methods of suppressing the upris-ing in the occupied territories.

The Jerusalem Committee was

originally due to meet eight days ago but the meeting was post-poned at Saudi Arabia's request

because it coincided with a Gulf

Cooperation Council (GCC)

Diplomats did not expect Iran and Syria to attend the two-day meeting at foreign ministers

level because of political differences with Morocco, which has no diplomatic relations with

Jordan, Pakistan, Iraq, Guinea, Niger, Indonesia, Leba-

non, Mauritania, Senegal and

Bangladesh are the other mem-

bers of the committee.

summit in Riyadh.

either state.

territories

port for the revolt.

On the veranda, where the washing was still hanging on a rope, a shoe of Ms. Zarawneh was seen lying, surrounded by several spots of blood. Relatives

showed reporters an empty rifle Outside, some 50 Arab women were circling the house and shouting slogans. No Israeli

troops were seen. Enam said Ms. Zarawneh was still alive after the shooting. "She shouted: 'he killed me,' and clutched her throat," she said.

Dr. Yasser Obeid, Ramallah Hospital's deputy director, confirmed the report. He said the woman was brought to the hospital dead, 'shot through the left side of her chest." "I understood from her family

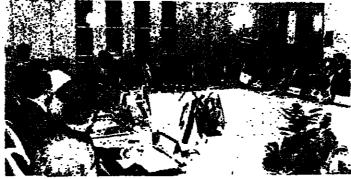
that a soldier was chasing a boy and opened fire. This woman was apparently washing clothes outside her house," said Dr. Obeid, reached by telephone.

About 100 men gathered at the village cemetery, some digging the grave, while others raised the Palestinian flag, burned tyres and erected roadblocks.

Also Sunday, the army clamped curfews on the Amari refugee camp that houses some 5,000 Palestinians near Ramallah, and on the Tulkarm refugee camp, home to about 10,000 Palestinians, the Palestine Press' Service reported.

It said that the curfews followed protests at the two camps.

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His Majesty King Hussein on Sunday attends meetings of an eight-member Arab ministerial committee entrusted with the task of reviewing and reorganising the work of various pan-Arab organisa-

### Ministerial panel begins review of Arab organisations

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty the league. King Hussein on Sunday attended part of the first meeting of an eight-member Arab League committee entrusted with examining the work and performance of pan-Arab organisations.

The first meeting was held at the Royal Court under the chairmanship of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan. The session was attended by

Prime Minister Zaid Rifai. The committee will discuss means of bolstering Arab economic cooperation and integration aimed at promoting solidarity among Arab countries, Jordan

News Agency, Petra, said. The committee will review reports drawn up by economic experts led by the acting prime minister of Lebanon, Dr. Salim Al Hoss, offering specific proposals for reorganisation of Arab institutions created by the Arab League, and ministerial councils

The committee meeting comes in implementation of resolutions adopted by the Nov. 8-11 extraordinary Arab summit meeting held in Amman.

The committee, which is chaired by the Algerian finance minister, includes the finance or trade ministers of Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Iraq, Kuwait, Morocco, Jordan and a representative of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Executive Committee.

Taking part in the three-day meeting in Amman are several officials and economic experts in the Arab World, in addition to the director general of the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development. -

Dr. Hanna Odeh, minister of finance, and Mr. Mohammad Saqqaf, under-secretary of the Ministry of Industry and Trade. and Arab federations affiliated to attended Sunday's meeting.

### King Fahd calls on U.N. to hold Middle East peace conference

KUWAIT (Agencies) — King on Monday in Morocco to discuss East bloc ambassadors and more Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz of Saudi the Palestinian protests in the than 8,000 Palestinians and Arabs Arabia has called on the United Nations to convene an international peace conference on the Middle East to solve the Palestinian problem, the Kuwaiti News Agency (KUNA) reported

"The dangerous deterioration in the occupied lands requires the U.N. and the Security Council to shoulder their duties and solve the Palestinian problem not only through statements of condemnation but also by convening an "We shall ask for all possible support and help to our brethren in the occupied territories," a PLO source told Reuters. international peace conference," King Fahd said.

His statement was contained in a message to the emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, KUNA said.

The king also called for the return of Jerusalem and other Israeli-occupied territories to Arab sovereignty, and for Palestinian self-determination.

Sheikh Jaber is chairman of the 46-nation Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC), whose Jeru-salem committee is due to meet French go-between says

BEIRUT (Agencies) - French

mediator Lucien Bitterlin left

Lebanon for Libya on Sunday,

for the Libyan capital of Tripoli via Rome before noon, Beirut airport officials quoted by AP

"I have had assurance that the

two girls will be released before

the end of January at the most,"

Mr. Bitterlin told reporters be-

fore boarding the Rome-bound Middle East Airlines jetliner.

emphatically assured that they

are both in very good health," he

"I haven't seen them but was

Abu Nidal will free 2 girls

saying he was assured by the Abu
Nidal group that two French girls
it holds would be freed before the
end of January.

Mr. Bitterlin, head of a French
pro-Arab lobbying group who
flew to Beirut on Saturday, left
for the Librar coried of Tringli

occupied territories.

Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat said Saturday that the United States recently approved the idea of convening an international peace conference on the Mid-

Addressing a rally in Kuwait marking the 23rd anniversary of the creation of his Fatah movement, Mr. Arafat pledged to continue the Palestinian revolt in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. He said "weapons other than stones" would be used in future.

"We have received information that the United States has now approved the idea of convening an international peace conference... to be attended by all concerned parties including the PLO," Mr. Arafat told the gathering which was attended by Soviet Ambassador to Kuwait

Also present were Arab and

Fateh-Revolutionary Council

had seized them aboard the

French yacht Silko off the Israeli-

Mr. Bitterlin, a former Gaullist

parliament deputy who currently

heads the Franco-Arab Solidarity

Association, met with Abu Nid-

al's representatives at west

Beirut's Mar Elias Palestinian re-

fugee camp shortly after his arriv-

al in the capital Saturday evening.

Mr. Bitterlin said Saturday the

girls and the other captives were

occupied Gaza Strip.

the Palestinian protests in the than 8,000 Palestinians and Arabs from among the large expatriate groups that work in Kuwait.

Turning to the occupied territories, Mr. Arafat said "the Palestinian command has taken a decision not to use arms during the present uprising in the occupied territories to avoid a massacre planned by the Zionist enemy.

"Our people are using stones at present, but they will use other weapons at the appropriate time in future," he added.

Drawing applause from the au-dience, Mr. Arafat said the current protests by the Palestinians reflected determination to regain their rights.

He recalled a statement by the late U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles that "only one gen-eration will remember Palestine and afterwards it falls into obli-

"I now tell Dulles that the third generation... did not forget Palestine," he said.

#### Cairo frees 26 held after Friday protest Mr. Bitterlin came to Beirut at the invitation of Abu Nidal's

CAIRO (R) — A prosecutor ordered the release on bail on Sunday of 26 Muslim fundamentalists arrested on Friday during violent anti-Israeli protests in Cairo.

The official Middle East News Agency (MENA) said bail for the 26 ranged from 20 Egyptian pounds (\$9) to 50 pounds (\$22). It said no formal charges had yet been laid and investigations were continuing.

Riot police baton-charged hundreds of militant Muslims who

demonstrated on Friday against the killing of Palestinians by Israeli forces in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip during two weeks of anti-occupation protests last month.

## Rifai rejects Peres' claim of 'document of understanding' with Jordan on peace talks

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai has denied a claim by the Israeli foreign minister that Jordan and Israel had drawn up a "document of understanding" on the modalities for an international peace conference on the Middle East.

Mr. Rifai, speaking in an interview with the British Broadcasting Cor-poration (BBC) and the Washington Post, also said the recent Palestinian protests in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip were only the beginning of uprising of a people refusing continued occupation. "We believe that as long as there is no peace process, as long as there is no chance of a settlement in sight, what happened in the West Bank and Gaza was only the beginning," the prime minister said in the interview, conducted by Samira Kawar.

Replying to other questions, Mr. Rifai said that contacts were underway at various levels between Syria and Iraq after the reconciliation between the leaders of the two countries at the Nov. 8-11 extraordinary Arab summit in Amman

On Syrian moves in the Gulf, Mr. Rifai said he believed that the Syrians were briefing "the Gulf states as to the results of their contacts with the Iranians... focused on trying to limit the war and not to expand it and not allow to escalate.

On efforts to bring an end to the Iran-Iraq war through implementing U.N. Security Council Resolution 598, which Iraq has accepted and Iran has refused to abide by, Mr. Rifai said that during the recent visit to the Soviet Union by His Majesty King Hussein, the Soviet leadership informed Jordan that Moscow was willing to discuss with other members of the Security Council "on what action can be taken and must be taken in order to convince the Iranians that the only possible approach... is the acceptance of... Resolution 598."

and Washington Post. A recording of the interview was made available to the Jordan Times on Sunday.

Question: The recent violence or upheavals in the occupied Arab territories seem to have died down now. Is this part of the recurrent cycle of violence in periods of calm or are they going to be different in the occupied territories now as a result of the Answer: We believe what have hap-

pened in the occupied territories in West Bank and Gaza was inevitable. The Palestinian people have reached a point where they cannot tolerate continued occupation any more. It is a very harsh occupation. It is not magnanimous by any means. The practices of the Israeli occupation authorities are driving the people to resist occupation. What happened was a spontaneous reaction of a people refusing continued occupation without any hope of any settlement in

We believe that what happened is another proof of what is needed for the necessity of keeping the peace time and again the only way to arrive at a peaceful settlement is with the convening of an international conference to be attended by all parties to the conflict, as well as the five permanent members of the Security Council under United Nations auspices to implement Security Council Resolu-tions 338 and 242. As a result of the heavy-handed and even merciless practices of the Israeli authorities where they even resorted to shooting young boys, the situation seems to be for the time being under control, but Following is a transcript of the prime this is by no means indicative that minister's interview with the BBC calm will remain. We believe that as long as there is no peace process, as settlement in sight, what happened in the West Bank and Gaza was only the

Q: Do you see any indications of some Israeli politicians getting this message? For example, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres has been making statements to the effect that there is some sort of a document of understanding between Jordan and Israel on the modalities of the international peace conference. Is that

A: No. There is no such document. What happened was that when the United States was interested in the peace conference, the U.S. started discussing with us modalities, the role of the conference, its competence, its authority (and) representation in it. We agreed on some points, disagreed on others, and then when the Israeli

government took such an extreme position against the international conference our talks with our American friends ceased and there have been no developments since then.

Q: Why then is Mr. Peres making this statement at this particular time?

A: I don't think this question should

be addressed to me. Perhaps one should ask him. I don't know. Q: So in other words there is no real movement as far as an initiative to convene an international peace conference is concerned at this time? A: As you know, there are international unanimous support for the international peace conference. There untry that oppos conference. That is Israel. And perhaps as a result of the Israeli not taken a firm stand, a public

movement at all.

Q: If we could move to another subject, the results of the recent Arab summit in Amman. One of the major results was Arab concensus on the Iran-Iraq war, which Syria was part of. Have efforts to bring Syria and Iraq closer together progressed any further since the end of the summit?

position on the international confer-

ence, so at the moment there is no

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## 21, including 2 entire families, killed in Israeli raid on Lebanon BEIRUT (Agencies) — At least cent Druze-controlled Shouf re- GC, which is led by Ahmad

21 people were killed and 30 others wounded in Israeli air and naval attacks overnight and Israeli warplanes staged mock air raids Sunday, according to re-ports reaching here from the stricken areas.

Witnesses quoted by Reuter said the Israeli jets drew heavy anti-aircraft fire when they swooped over the Druze-controlled village of Barja, hardest hit in the overnight raids, as mourning residents searched for missing re-Police and hospital sources said

seven infants were among the Palestinians and Lebanese killed in the raids. "It's a mass burial," said a 17-

year-old Palestinian survivor whose father, mother and five brothers were killed. "All my family is buried there." Three PSP militiamen and 12

members of two families were killed in Barja. Police said they were Khalil Mshafi, 57, a farmer, his 52-year-old wife, and their five sons and daughters aged between six and 19; and Issa Abdul Razzak, 36, a shoemaker, his wife, 30, and their three children aged between three and nine. The one-storey house of each of the two families, about 500 metres apart, was demolished by missile hits, police said.

The night time raid, the first by Israel into Lebanon this year, left 21 people killed and 30 wounded at the teeming 'Ain Al Hilweh refugee camp near South Leba- six houses and a two-storey build- helicopter by sundown Friday, non's port of Sidon and the adja- ing used as a base by the PFLP- saying "I'd rather blow it up."

gion, police said.

Lebanese police said a squad-ron of 12 fighter-bombers thun-dered in from the dark killed and six wounded. Mediterranean sky shortly before three-pronged air assault.

As the population of 'Ain Ai Hilweh rushed to bomb shelters, the jets illuminated the target areas with parachute flares and rocketed bases of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Pales-tine-General Command (PFLP-

A three-storey villa used by the PFLP-GC at a banana grove near 'Ain Al Hilweh was devastated by two rocket hits. Another twostorey headquarters was reduced to rubble in coastal Jiyeh and a third two-storey command post

was wrecked on Barja's outskirts.

Barja, which took the brunt of
the Israeli attack, is five
kilometres inland from the Jiyeh habour. Israeli officials contend that the Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) has been using Jiyeh to smuggle Palestinians back to effect.

Lebanon. tal areas with large Palestinian enforce its blockade.

hang-glider attack by the PFLP-ship movements," he said.
GC in November in which six
Mr. Junblatt rejected an army Israeli soldiers died.

The assault on Barja flattened

In Tel Aviv, the Israeli military midnight Saturday to stage the reported only the Sidon raid. It said targets included the headquarters of Fateh, largest group in the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), and the PFLP-

> The attacks, which included coastal shelling by Israeli gunboats, heightened tensions between the PSP militia and the Christian-dominated Lebanese

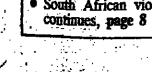
The army and the PSP declared blockades of each other's ports on Saturday after the PSP refused to return a helicopter gunship in which a Druze air force officer deserted to PSP territory.

The Lebanese army kept up its blockade of PSP-held ports south of Beirut on Sunday but a shipping source said the tit-for-tat PSP blockade of rightist-held ports north of Beirut had had no

A security source said the PSP. Israeli jets and helicopter led by Transport, Tourism and gunships also bombed Awali and Public Works Minister Walid Damour — PSP-controlled coas- Junblatt, lacked the means to

"They don't have a navy, radar Security sources said the raids or jets that would enable them to were apparently in revenge for a impose a blockade and detect

command ultimatum to return the missile-equipped Gazelle





## 16 killed in West German jet crash near Turkish coast

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — The Transportation Minister said early Sunday that officials would investigate the possibility that sabotage was responsible for the crash of a West German charter plane carrying 16 people, according to press reports.

The Minister, Ekrem Pakdemirli, told the semi-official Anatolia News Agency on Sunday that because of allegations that the Boeing 737 exploded in the air, officials would investigate the possibility of a sabotage. Pakdemirli flew to the accident site from Ankara, the capital, to coordinate the investigation.

The Condor Airlines plane carrying 11 Turks and a five-member West German crew crashed in a mountainous area near the Aegean seacoast, according to Anatolia and Condor.

The news agency said the identities had not been determined of the seven charred bodies searchers recovered Saturday night.

Officials said they would resume recovery operations in the morning after calling off the search in the early morning hours

In Frankfurt, West Germany, a

Condor spokeswoman said the flight, was en route from Stuttgart, West Germany, to the coastal city of Izmir. She said the crew included two pilots and three

Mr. Pakdemirli said there was no way to determine the cause of the crash until the black box containing flight information was

flight attendants.

Anatolia reported that an 11member technical team representing Condor Airlines arrived at Izmir early Sunday morning to investigate the accident.

Before it crashed, the plane was to pick up 125 Turkish passengers and return to Stuttgart, where they were to be employed as "guest workers." said a spokesman for the Stuttgartbased Avrupa Co., which organised the flight.

The 11 Turks on board were

returning after working in West Germany, Avrupa spokesman Saim Buyukyilmaz told the Associated Press. He said Avrupa, the Turkish word for Europe, organises flights for Turks employed in the Stuttgart area.

The plane crashed in a mountainous area near the town of Seferihisar around 8:30 p.m. (830 GMT), a control tower official at Izmir's Adnan Menderes Airport told the Associated Press.

Seferihisar is 640 kilometres south west of Istanbul and 40 kilometres south of Izmir.

The Condor Airline spokeswoman said the plane left Stutt-gart at 2:24 p.m. (1324 GMT). The control tower official said

the plane's last communication with the control tower was about 10 minutes before the crash, when the pilot said he would land soon. The pilot mentioned no technical problems and "everything seemed OK," the official said, speaking on condition of.

He said the weather was clear enough for a safe flight despite secutor who was part of the rescue team, said it was likely the airplane exploded in mid-air since the bodies were strewn over a large area, Anatolia reported. He said identification cards on the bodies were ruined.

Osman Polat, a village headman, who lives close to the crash site, said he heard a loud explosion that turned "the night's darkness into day's birghtness." Ibrahim Toprukcan, a villager

who visited the site, said the plane was split in two. The villagers said the crash

made a deep hole on the ground. Anatolia said the 26-year-old son of Avrupa's Turkish owner was among the victims.

Relatives of the victims waiting at the airport rushed to telephone booths to call friends or relatives in West Germany to learn if their loved ones were on the flight, Anatolia reported.

"It is a very sad incident, but we have been partly consoled by the fact that the plane has not been filled up by large numbers of passengers," Pakdemirli said.

# Velayati says Iran-GCC

pared to meet the six Arab states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) if an agenda is agreed beforehand, Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati was quoted on Sunday as saying.

territories.

Mr. Velayati said Oman's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Youssef Ibn Alawi was the first to propose the meeting between non-Arab Iran and the GCC, which comprise Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Oman.

mouth of the Gulf and has consistently promoted good ties with Tehran.

said on Sunday that Mr. Velayati's remarks were made on television on Thursday.

Oman jointly controls with Iran the Hormuz Strait at the

IRNA, received in Cyprus,

### Walsh to question

mission in the Gulf a success, De-

fence Secretary Frank Carlucci

begins a four-nation tour of the

region on Monday to assess possi-

ble modifications of U.S. policy

Mr. Carlucci will visit Kuwait,

Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and

Oman, as well as American

warships, to gather information

to take back to President Reagan

on how best to achieve U.S. goals

in the region torn by war between

given by the Reagan administra-

placed under the American flag

to protect them from attack by

Iran 'trains'

on Gulf front

Gulf war.

**Afghan rebels** 

MOSCOW (R) - The Soviet

government newspaper Izvestia

said on Sunday that Iran was instructing Afghan guerrillas in special schools and giving them practical battle training in the

Izvestia quoted Said Ahmad,

25, as saying he was among 1,200 Afghans who attended a three-

month course at a school in the

Tehran suburb of Fars Abadan.

They were instructed in the use of

explosives, hand-to-hand combat

ates were sent to the Iran-Iraq

front. This was called 'practice',

three occasions he was taken on

raids into the Iranian interior to

search for "volunteers" for the

front and to set up road-blocks.

from the front to Tehran after

exactly 10 months. He said more

than 100 Afghans had died during

Ahmad said his group returned

"After three months, all gradu-

and teargas defence.

Ahmad added.

in the region.

Iraq and Iran.

Soviet domination.

NEW YORK (R) — The special prosecutor in the Iran-contra affair is expected to submit questions to Vice President George Bush on his role in selling U.S. weapons to Iran and may request an interview with him, the New York Times said on Sunday.

Bush

Quoting Reagan administration officials, the newspaper said the prosecutor, Lawrence Walsh, believes Bush must answer several questions about his participation in the sale and the advice he may have given President Reagan ahead of it.

There is no indication that the prosecutor is considering charges against Mr. Bush, the newspaper

It quoted a spokesman for Bush as saying: "I can't comment on any of the procedures or whether we've been contacted by the independent counsel. That would be inappropriate. I can say that we will continue to be fully cooperative."

Mr. Bush's role in the affair has come under increased scrutiny in recent weeks, the newspaper

It said that a newly discovered White House memo dated February 1986 and released last month by congressional investigators, described Mr. Bush as "solid" in his support of the arms shipment to Iran.

The memo was important because it depicted Mr. Bush as being an active supporter of the arms shipments, the article said. It said Mr. Bush has refused so far to discuss his role in the affair in detail, saying his conversation with the president should remain

private. The newspaper quoted Mr. Bush as saying last month: "If the price for my winning the election is that I have to go out and violate that confidence, I'm not going to pay that price.'

Mr. Walsh has already submitted a series of written questions to Mr. Reagan and has not ruled out private meeting with the president to go over the answers, the New York Times

their practical training course. His guerrilla group then slip-ped across the border into Afghanistan by night, he said, but he and other trainees, disgusted by what they had seen of war, decided to go over to the govern-

Ahmad named the Iranian Formerly used for the instruction of Iranian fighters, he said, it began training Afghan rebels in March 1986. He was among the first group.

Izvestia largely abstained from comment on Ahmad's statements, saying only that the majority of Afghan guerrillas trained in Iran underwent compulsory training at the front.

# Carlucci to review Gulf operations.

WASHINGTON (R) — Proclaiming the limited U.S. convoy ally of Iraq.

It doesn't mean that there eration of American Controlled ally of Iraq.
"It doesn't mean that there aren't still risks over there, but we are successfully convoying ships." Mr. Carlucci said in a television

interview on Dec. 24,

The Pentagon's year-end tally shows 17 warships assigned to the Middle East Force, which is responsible for the escorts, plus eight on back-up duty in the north Arabian Sea and eight in the Indian Ocean.

The 22nd such convoy wound up its 1,000 kilometre trip The United States, a procthrough the Gulf without incident laimed neutral in the war, insists on Dec. 31. Though the U.S. operation got off to a bumpy that the vital oil waterway must start, no reflagged ship has been damaged while under U.S. escort be kept open to shipping and protected against Iranian and since the supertanker Bridgeton That was the major reason struck a mine on July 24 on the maiden U.S. convoy. tion for initiating a mission in July to escort 11 Kuwaiti tankers

However, the Gulf became even more perilous for merchant ships in 1987 despite the presence of naval forces from the United States, the Soviet Union. Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Italy.

The private centre for defence information says Iran and Iraq attacked 165 commercial ships up to Dec. 21, when the list was compiled, compared with 111 in all of 1986. Several of the targets have been U.S.-owned or oper-

Shipping, criticised the eticlusion of U.S. tankers from the escore operation, saying: "It has certainly suggested to would be attack. ers that these ships are fair

The federation has urged the administration to extend U.S. protection to American-owned or operated ships, and Mr. Carluca vowed during his confirmation hearings in November to consider

Independent analysts say the escort operation is also meant to restore U.S. credibility with Arab states after the harm done by Mr. Reagan's secret arms deals with Tehran and the diversion of papfits to right-wing Nicaraguan re-

"As Guif states have become increasingly confident of the firmness of our commitment, they have offered valuable military cooperation. Assistant Secret-ary of State Richard Murphy told two House Foreign Affairs panels last month.

This ranged from help in clearing mines in international waters to providing facilities to more supplies and equipment to U.S. forces in the area. Mr. Murohy

### 160 Israelis refuse service in West Bank and Gaza

By Andy Court

ONE HUNDRED and sixty army reservists have declared that they would "refuse to take part in suppressing the uprising and insurrection in the occupied territories."

The Yesh Gvul (There Are Limits) movements released a list of officers and reserve soldiers He said he fought in a 15-man unit headed by an Iranian, mainly in the Haji-Muran region. On who signed a proclamation that "the uprising in the territories, and its brutal suppression" by Israel army, "graphically illustrates the price of occupation and the absence of a political solution." They said that they can no longer bear the burden of shared responsibility for this moral and political deterioration.

> The signers include Dedi Ben Shitrit, a Jerusalem city councilman; Haim Baram, a journalist with Kol Hair and Soffi Ben Yosef. Three majors, five captains, and one medical officer signed the statement. Only one woman's name appeared on the

At a press conference at Jerutraining installation as the salem's Beit Agron Yesh Gvul Khatem-Ol-Anbia School. | activists said that this was the first for refusing to serve in Lebanon. of their petitions that was not. The movement has more recently fence Minister but rather as a Bank and the Gaza Strip. kind of public oath.

30-year-old Jerusalem psycholog- Post.

ist and a leader of the movement. Each of the signers draws a different line about the conditions under which we would agree to do his reserve duty, Menuchin said. Some people are willing to serve in the territories as long as they are not put in a position of confrontation with the civilians

there. Others refuse to put a foot

into the territories, regardless of

the job, he said. Yesh Gvul will not activly encourage young people to refuse to carry out their mandatory army service if they must serve in the territories, but it will do everything it can to support those who make such a decision.

No Yesh Gvul activists are currently in jail for refusing to serve, Menuchin said. In September. three reserve soldiers were sent- '4' enced to prison terms ranging from a week to a month for refusing to serve in the West

Yesh Gyul, originally a protest movement of army reservists against the Lebanon war, became Support group for soldiers isiled directed as a request to the De- turned its attention to the West

Movement activists see their "If 10,000 reservists would say refusal to take part in the occupathat they won't take part in the tion as a form of civil disobedioccupation, then the government ence designed to break the curwould have to sit down and come rent deadlock in the peace proup with a political solution to the cess's and lead to talks with the problem, 'said Ishai Menuchin, a Palestinians — The Jerusalem

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#### **Pressure grows on France for** return of expelled Iranians "There have been signs that PARIS (R) — International

appeals and several dozen determined hunger strikers are putting pressure on the French government to allow 15 expelled Iranians and Turks to return to their homes in France, supporters of the exiles say.

Four more hunger strikers pressing for the return of their comrades expelled to the West African state of Gabon were taken to hospital on Saturday in

Forty people have been refus-ing solid food for 26 days in protest at the government's expulsion of the 15 on Dec. 8 on grounds they threatened French national security. Nine hunger strikers altogether

are receiving hospital treatment in Paris. The 15 exiles are also on hunger strike in the Gabonese capital of Libreville and five have been admitted to hospital. "According to Red Cross doc-

tors, some of these people will not live beyond their 30th day of hunger strike," said the protesters' spokesman, Hassan Navebagha. Two of the Iranians expelled to Gabon were critically ill, he said.

Nayebagha told Reuters outside the Paris offices of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, site of the protest, that there were indications the centreright government of Prime Minister Jacques Chirac might bow to the demands.

after Jan. 1, if the French hostages in Beirut have not been freed, then the French government may change the situation, but nothing has been announced

officially yet," he said. Nayebagha described as encouraging President Francois Mitterrand's meeting at the Elysee Palace on Thursday with the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, Jean-Pierre Hocke.
"We have been told here by

the High Commissioner that if nothing happens by Jan. 4, then he will take strong steps towards trying to solve the problem ... the meeting with Mr. Mitterrand is a step towards the solution," he

may call on Mr. Chirac to produce evidence the 15 were engaged in illegal political activities, political sources say. Government lawyers have so far refused to produce proof at a

Mr. Mitterrand, a Socialist,

Paris court hearing brought by the exiles' supporters. Twelve of those expelled were members of the Peoples' Mujahedeen group, the main armed

force opposing Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. Critics have said the expulsions are linked to a complex deal between Paris and Tehran to end a diplomatic stalemate between the two countries and to free three French hostages held by pro-Iranian groups in Lebanon.

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### talks proposal 'positive' NICOSIA (R) — Iran was prethreatening to spill over into their

"Iran considers (a meeting) as a positive step but it is necessary that the gathering as well as the framework of the negotiations be agreed in advance," Mr. Velayati said in a report carried by the Iranian News Agency (IRNA).

GCC states back Iraq in the seven-year-old Gulf war but they agreed at a summit in Riyadh last week to maintain contacts with Iran in a bid to speed up a settlement of the conflict that is

Sultanate of Oman, at the south-

million-riyal (\$650 million) de-

Oman raises 1988 defence spending MUSCAT, Oman (AP) — The (\$1.3 billion). "The present instability in the ern edge of the war-troubled region demands that the sultanate Gulf, is to increase defence maintains a prudently high level

budget despite a projected 252- said. U.S. Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci, who is due in Muscat ficit, government sources said A total of 532.6 million rials as part of an 8-day Gulf tour, is (\$1.4 billion) has been allocated likely to meet top Oman defence stabilise the oil market. to national defence out of prop- officials, diplomatic sources said. osed government expenditure of It is not known whether he will 1.6 billion rials (\$4.13 billion) for have an audience with Sultan all-weather interceptor aircraft fiscal 1988, said the sources who Qaboos, 47, who is a trained for the Omani Air Force under a spoke on condition they not be

military staff officer. named. Defence spending last Oil exports account for 80 per tract signed with year totalled 521 million rials cent of state revenue of Oman, pace last month.

which is not a member of the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries

Despite its high dependence on oil sales to finance its defence programme, Oman has agreed to maintain reduced production of for bilateral talks later this week around 565,000 barrels per day to support the cartel's efforts to

The Omani Ministry of Defence is buying eight Tornado \$362.5 million (£200 million) con-Oil exports account for 80 per tract signed with British Aeros-

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A slight increase in temperature is expected. Medium and high clouds will appear, with chances for scattered showers at times. Winds will be southeasterly moderate. In Aqaba, it will be dusty and partly cloudy. Winds will be northeasterly moderate and calm sea.

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### WHAT'S GOING ON

spending this year to a third of its of defence capability," officials

TODAY'S EVENTS CHILDREN'S CARTOONS

CHILDREN'S FILMS ★ Children's French films and cartoons at the Haya Arts Centre (Jan. 3 to 7).

FEATURE FILMS ☆ Hail Caesar at 8:00 p.m. at the British Council.

★ "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" at 7:00 p.m. at the American Centre.

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Univ. of Jordan Library 843555

MUSEUMS

"Children's Heritage and Science Museum" Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday.

Folkiere Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760. Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the anti-quities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00

a.m.-5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.

SERVICE CLUBS

The Amman Lious Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Regency Palace Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Lious Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Ammon Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn. 1:30 p.m. remaining the Robert Children wheelings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn. 1:30 p.m.
Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel. 2.00 Royal Automobile Club. Jabal Amman. Eighth Circle. Tel. 816534. 817534.

CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman. Tel. 624590. Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic) Jabal Luweibdeh, Tel. 637440.

De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Hussein, Tel. 661757.

Terrasanta Church (Roman Catholic), Jabal Luweibdeh, mass in Italian language, meet every Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Tel: 622366

Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox) Abdali, Tel. 623541.

Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabal Amman. Tel. 625383, chaplain's residence tel. 601389.

Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafieh, Tel. 771331.

Araenian Orthodox Church Ashrafieh, Tel. 775261.

St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Catholic) Jabal Luweibdeh, Tel. St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafich, Tel. 77[75].

67/334. Evangelical Lutheran Church (Church of the Good Shepherd) Amman, Ara-bic Service: Sunday 7 p.m. Rev. N. Smir 811295. Rainbow Congregation (meets at the Good Shepherd's Church) Interdenominational-ecumenial English Service: Saturday 6:30 p.m. Tel. 822605, Rev. Veli.
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) Tel. 815817, 821264

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### Dudin briefs British Labour leader on Israeli violations

AMMAN (J.T.) — The British international effort is now needed Labour Party spokesman, for foreign affairs, Gerald Kaufman, met here on Sunday with Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Marwan Dudin for an exchange of views on Middle East affairs.

Mr. Dudin briefed the distingnished guest on the situation in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip and the recent Palestinian uprising against the Israeli occupation authorities which resalted in the death of 53 people and the detention of hundreds of

The minister also spoke about the consequences of Israel's arbitrary measures against the Palestinians in the occupied territories and its attempts to force the Palestinians to abandon their homeland. He said these measures were flagrant violations of all international laws and princi-

Mr. Dudin emphasised that an

to establish a just and durable peace in the region through an international peace conference.

Mr. Kaufman, who served as a cabinet minister under a Labour government, briefed Mr. Dudin on the outcome of his recent visit to the occupied territories. Mr. Kaufman, who arrived

here on Jan. 1, later paid a visit to the Baqaa Palestinian refugee camp and met with notables there to whom he stressed the Labour Party's support for an international conference on peace in the Middle East. Accompanied by government officials and representatives of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), Mr. Kaufman toured the camp and inspected health and educational services.

Mr. Kaufman, a guest of the Foreign Ministry, is due to leave

### Pakistani delegation departs after talks with Crown Prince

AMMAN (J.T.) — An 18-member delegation from the National Institute of Public Administration m Peshawar, Pakistan ended a six-day visit to Jordan on Sunday and left for home.

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The delegation had visited the Civil Service Commission and other institutions in order to acquaint themselves with Jordan's public administration system.

Before their departure on Sunday, the delegation was received at the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) by His Royal Highness

During the meeting Prince Hassan outlined the objectives of Jordan's Higher Council on Science and Technology, stressing the importance of exchanging the results of scientific research conducted by Jordanian and Pakistani institutions. The Crown Prince also called for the opening of more channels for the exchange of scientific and technological information between the two countries.

### Medical union urges int'l support for Palestinian struggle

AMMAN — Dr. Hassan Khreis, general secretary of the Pan-Arab Medical Union, on Sunday sent cables to the secretary-general of the United Nations and leaders of international human rights and relief organisations urging their support for the struggle of the Palestinian people living under Israeli occupation.

Following is the text of the

Marking the end of the year 1987 as the International Year for Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Pan-Arab Medical Union calls for your most esteemed person and organisation to support by all means Palestinian people against the Israeli military occupation and towards the realisation of their basic human rights of self-determination and national independ-

In the course of this struggle, the recent uprising in Palestine has been faced with fascist, inhuman measures by occupying troops. These measures resulted in the killing of tens of Palestinians and the wounding of many The repressive measures have

included: arresting hundreds, besieging camps by denying them water, food and medical supplies and threatening to exper many Palestinians from their home-

We call upon you to denounce all these inhuman measures tional community.

We are sure that the will of the Palestinian people to realise their final aims will be strengthened by your most valuable support.

### Facsimile services for public

AMMAN (Petra) — Arrangements have been made for providing electronic postal services: (facsimile) to the public as of the beginning of next month, according to Abdullah Al Jazi, secretary-general of the Ministry of

Communications. Dr. Jazi said that, initially, facsimile facilities will be installed in 15 post offices in Amman and other governorates, but that these services will gradually be provided to other areas, as well.

Through facsimile, he explained, one can send out a written message through local and international telephone networks to be received in the same form at the other end. The receiving post office will then place the message in an envelope and deliver it to its destination.

However, this process can be carried out directly between subscribers without having to go through a post office, Dr. Jazi noted. — J.T.

### Israeli soldier kills Arab housewife

(Continued from page 1) In the occupied Gaza City, protesters burned tyres and threw stones at passing cars and at the Arab shops, forcing them to close, an Arab witness said. He said some 30 Israeli troops chased the protesters and arrested about 15 of them.

The protests came after an army announcement of deportation orders issued Sunday against nine Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The army described the nine as senior activists in Palestinian groups and said some were ringleaders in the recent protests.

The orders were issued despite appeals by U.S. officials who have said deportations violate international law and could reignite protests in the occupied terri-

tories. On Sunday, the army decided to release without trial some 100 Palestinians who were detained during the protests. The detainees were released "after giving assurances that they would not return to their ways," the

army said in a statement. The army statement said the Hine Palestinians ordered expelled - five from the West Bank and four from the Gaza Strip were "leading activists and orgahisers involved in incitement and

subversive activity..." Jordan and Egypt have vowed

to foil Israel's expulsion of Palestinians from the occupied

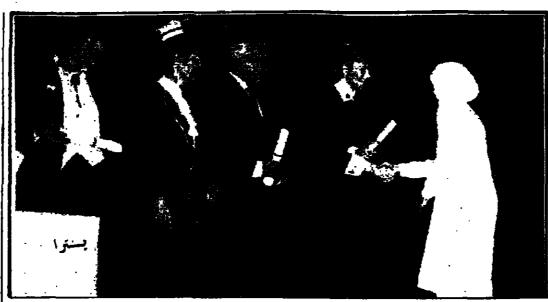
In Amman, an official spokes-man on Sunday reaffirmed that Jordan would take "all necessary measures to foil the Israeli plan. In Kuwait, Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat said Sunday he had asked Egypt, Jordan and Syria to block the planned Israeliexpulsion of nine Palestinians.

"I have asked the Egyptians, Jordanian and Syrian brethren to close their borders to prevent Israelis from carrying out their conspiracy of deporting the Palestinians," Mr. Arafat told reporters as he left Knwait at the end of a two-day visit.

"I received assurances from Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon that they were determined to resist this dangerous step by not accepting any deported Palestinians," Mr. Arafat said. He did not describe the Syrian response.

The PLO has also urged Egypt on Sunday to close the Israeli embassy in Cairo.

Yasser Abed Rabdo, a PLO spokesman, also said in Tunis the PLO had formally asked the foreign ministers of the 21-member Arab League to meet to discuss Israeli action against Palestinian demonstrators in the West Bank



Her Majesty Queen Noor, accompanied by Minister of Health Zaid Hamzeh, on Sunday presents a

diploma to and congratulates a nursing college

### AFM hits record high in value of traded shares in 1987

### 'Plans underway to curb insider trading

By Salameh B. Ne'matt Jordan Times Staff Reporter

in 1987, is in the process of adopting measures aimed at reducing insider trading in stocks and enhancing investors' confi-dence, the market's general manager said on Sunday.

Hashem Sabbagh told a press conference that the stock exchange has also proposed an amendment to the Jordanian Companies Law, to be introduced later to the Lower House of Parliament, which would oblige companies to disclose their financial statements on a semiannual basis rather than through the traditional annual report.

"We need more frequent information about the companies' financial standing," Dr. Sabbagh pointed out, referring to the amendment of the companies law which, he said, has already been approved by the government.

Speaking on the occasion of the stock market's 10th anniversary, Dr. Sabbagh told reporters that the stock exchange was "asking companies to adhere to the rules in order to cut own on insider trading." He said that the stock exchange "has done a great deal in that direction.

Dr. Sabbagh pointed to practices by some brokers which do which are taken against the laws | not comply with the market's commission fees higher than the set percentage. He said this problem would be curtailed this year by "better auditing of their (brokers') books."

Dr. Sabbagh said the value of shares traded in the regular and parallel markets in 1987 reached an all-time high of JD 148 million compared to JD 70 million in

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A: The results of the summit were

very positive regarding every issue that was discussed and one of the

major items was the unified Arab

position regarding the war in the

Gulf. This of course implies relations

between Syria and Iraq. As you know, after the summit, the prop-

aganda attacks between the two coun-

tries ceased, there have been direct contacts between them. We believe

that matters are moving slowly but

surely and in the right direction to-

wards normalisation of relations be-

Q: When you speak of direct con-

tacts, at what level are such contacts

A: At various levels. As you know, a

Syrian trade delegation went to Iraq.

We understand there have been con-

tacts regarding bilateral issues. I be-lieve that such contacts are taking

place at various levels, and we are

sure this is going to continue because what was decided at the summit was

decided by agreement between all

Arab countries, including Syria and

Iraq, and nothing has changed since then to make us believe that the

determination to overcome their dif-

ferences will not continue to be so.

Q: Syria seems to be engaged in some.

sort of mediation effort between the

Arab Gulf countries on one hand and

Iran on the other. Does this fall

within the acceptable limits of the

newly achieved consensus on the

Iran-Iraq war and will that not be an

obstacle to the improvement of rela-

A: I do not know if mediation is the

right word. You know, there have

been contacts between the Syrians

and the Iranians regarding the escala-tion of the war and the situation in the

Gulf and it was agreed by the summit

that any contacts with Iran should not

be kept secret and that the concerned

Arab countries should be informed of

them. And I believe what is happen-

ing now, is that our Syrian brothers

are briefing the Gulf states as to the

results of their contacts with the

Iranians which are all focused on

trying to limit the war and not expand

it and not allow it to escalate, and

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in trading to the government's policy of subsidising national in-AMMAN — The Amman Finan-cial Market, which hit a record high in the value of traded shares

Jordanian industrial products. He added that incentives offered by the government to local industries has encouraged investment. in addition to recent mergers and new financial policies aimed at

revitalising the economy. Dr. Sabbagh expected the new government measures, enhanced by political and economic stability, to increase Arab and foreign investments in the Kingdom's economic institutions.

He revealed that foreign (non-Arab) investment in the Amman Financial Market last year reached more than \$5 million. He said foreign interest began in late 1986 and increased in 1987. "This is an indication of the beginning of Arab and foreign capital flow towards investment in Jordan. The process appears to be accelerating," Dr. Sabbagh

Average daily trading at the stock exchange, increased from JD 19,000 in 1978 to JD 615,000 in 1987. Dr. Sabbagh said that in 1978, 11 companies floated JD 11.9 million worth of shares, compared to JD 343.9 million by: 121 companies in 1987. He said that securities floated by public institutions and companies were JD 5 million in value in 1978. compared to JD 114 million in 1987. In addition, development bonds rose from JD 10 million in 1978 to JD 138.5 million in 1987, thus bringing the total figures from JD 21.9 million in 1978 to JD 596.4 million in 1987.

Figures on the "secondary" market reflect a growth in activity in the past ten years, with an increase in trading from JD 5.6 that the average price-earning million in 1978 to JD 148.2 mil-

when we say the war, we are not only talking about the Gulf but also re-

O: In other words, the Syrian role is

part of what the Arabs envisage as the

effort to limit the war and to stop it. It

is not something that the Syrians are

doing on their own and they are not

A: There was no Arab decisions to

ask the Syrians to do anything in

particular, but some Arab countries

still maintain relations with Iran and

every Arab country is doing all it can-

in its own way for the joint common

Arab purpose or drawing this war to

an end. This of course requires a

change in the Iranian position. Iraq is

ready for a peaceful settlement and

they have made a number of peace

initiatives and they have responded

positively to U.N. Security Council

Resolution 598 and the Iranians so far

refused to accept the implementation

of that resolution. That is why we

support further action by the Security

Council and to impose an arms

embargo on Iran or using any other

means to convince the Iranians of the

necessity of accepting Resolution 598

Q: During His Majesty King Hus-

sein's latest visit to the Soviet Union.

did the Soviets indicate that they were

willing to be part of an international

effort that would put sanctions on

Iran to get it to accept Resolution

A: The Soviet government has in-

formed us that instructions have been

issued to the Soviet permanent repre-

sentative at the United Nations to

commence consultations with the

other members of the Security Coun-

cil to agree on that action can be

taken and must be taken in order to

convince the Iranians that the only

possible approach toward a peaceful

settlement is the acceptance of U.N.

Q: What would you say the most

important result of the King's visit to

A: His Majesty was invited to visit the

Soviet Union. When he went, His

Majesty did not only represent Jor-

dan but also carried with him the

results of the summit in Amman in his every way we can.

Security Council Resolution 598.

Moscow was?

and putting an end to this war.

Rifai rejects Peres' claim of 'document of understanding'

garding Iraq and Iran.

out of line?

1986. He attributed the increase lion in 1987. The market value of shares in the same period rose from JD 776.289 million to JD 1,034.256 million. Outside trading rose from JD 4.1 million to JD 18.3 million in the same

> Describing the stock market in Jordan as "a market of expectation," Dr. Sabbagh said that increased trading over the last quarter was prompted by growth in the construction and transport sectors. He said the industrial sector traded shares amounted to JD 93 million out of the total JD 148 million. He attributed this large number to "sound govern-

ment policies.' Dr. Sabbagh pointed out that growth in the transport and construction sectors was bound to reflect positively on the banking, finance and insurance industries. He told the press conference he expected better trading in shares

The financial market general manager urged Arab investors to reconsider their investment priorities" by rechannelling their capital into the Arab World rather than foreign stock markets. He said incidents such as the Oct. 19 Wall Street crash "should

provide proper incentive."

Dr. Sabbagh said that the Amman Financial Market was insulated from shocks suffered by other international equities markets, but that a global recession would undoubtedly effect stock markets in all developing countries. The number of Jordanian investors in the Amman Financial Market increased from 181,000 in 1978 to 611,000 in 1987.

Dr. Sabbagh said that profits on shares are exempt from taxation, that cash dividends average six per cent of share prices and

capacity as president of the summit.

He conveyed to the Soviet Union the

unified Arab position that was arrived

at in Amman. We found that the

Soviet position regarding the war in

the Gulf and regarding the Arab-Israeli conflict and the international

peace conference to be almost iden-

tical to the Arab/ Jordanian position.

Q: Does this visit signal that Jordan is drawing closer to the Soviet Union,

perhaps at the expense of its relation with the United States?

A: Jordan has always maintained very

good relations with the two super-

powers as well as with the other

countries all over the world - in

Europe, in the non-aligned world, in

the Muslim countries, in Latin Amer-

ica and in Africa. Therefore we do

not look at improvement of relations

with one country as an event that it is

necessarily at the expense of another country. We maintain excellent rela-

tions with the Soviet Union and we

have good relations with the United

O: Did Jordan conclude any deal with

the Soviet Union to buy aircraft or

any other weapons during this visit?

A: We did not conclude any deals.

We discussed a variety of bilateral

issues, but we did not arrive at any

Q: Lastly, there have been reports

that a joint Jordanian-Egyptian force might be sent to the Gulf to help the

Arab Gulf countries to defend them-

selves against possible Iranian attack

Is there any truth in those reports?

A: Jordan considers the security of

the Gulf states as part of its security

and Jordan is also a signatory to the

Arab Joint Defence Pact. Of course.

if we are asked to help the Gulf states

in defending themselves against any

attack from anywhere, we will do everything possible to help them.

This has always been our position,

but until this moment we have not

Q: However, if you did receive such a

request, Jordan would be willing to

send military advisors or troops or

A: We hope the situation will not

arise, but if there is such a need we

will do everything possible to help in

had any request for belp.

whatever is required?

final agreements.

#### excelling in their courses. ing need for their services. The minister explained that Jordan In his opening address at the ceremony held at the Al Hussein Youth City Minister of Health now has five nursing colleges, three of which are run by the Ministry of Health; but the num-Zaid Hamzeh expressed appreciation to the Queen for her attendance at the ceremony and ber of graduates falls short of the Kingdom's needs.

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor on

Sunday attended the graduation of 205 nurses from

the Jordan Nursing College and other nursing

institutes in the Kingdom and distributed diplomas

to the graduates and special awards to those

her service to Jordanian society. Dr. Hamzeh spoke about public awareness of the importance of nursing in Jordan's health ser-

country requires more nursing vices system. While he noted that there has been an increase in the number of students studying nursing, Dr. Hamzeh emphasised that the country needs more nurses and midwives to cope with the grow-

few weeks. The minister also said that the Health Ministry plans to open

Dr. Hamzeh said that in order

to eliminate this shortage, the

colleges, as well as an institute for

training nursing instructors. He

said that the first institute of this

kind would be operational in a

new nursing colleges in Karak, Salt and other towns and to expand the existing colleges.

Dr. Hamzeh said that hundreds of nurses are needed to fill posts at health centres, mothers and child care centres and hospitals, and to assist in spreading health education in homes, especially on first aid and child care.

The minister denied that the foreign nurses are given preference in employment or higher wages than the local nurses and voiced appreciation to those friendly countries which supply Jordan with qualified nurses.

The ceremony was attended by a number of Parliament and Cabinet members, the wives of the prime minister and the governor of Amman, university presidents, senior Health Ministry officials and several members of diolomatic missions, in addition to relatives of the graduates.

### Cabinet retires six senior PSD officers

**Queen Noor graduates 205** 

for more nursing colleges

nurses; Hamzeh points to need

AMMAN (Petra) — The Cabinet on Sunday decided to refer a number of senior Public Security Department officers to pension as of Jan. 16, 1988.

The officers are: Major-General Sami Al Saket, Major-General Issa Al Omari, Major-General Mohammad Obeidat, Major-General Ahmad Abu Al Saud, Major-General Ghaleb Al Dmour and Brigadier Mousa Suweilem Lutfi.

The Cabinet also approved the draft protocol due to be concluded with the Italian government. Under the protocol, Italy will provide technical assistance to Jordan to help it restore the

Roman ruins at Jerash. Also on Sunday, the Cabinet decided to renew the membership of the Jordan Industrial Estates Corporation's (JIEC) board of

The board includes: Dr. Mahdi Farhan, director-general of the Social Security Corporation; Dr. Adnan Badran, secretary-general of the Higher Council of Science and Technology; Dr. Ziad Fariz, secretary-general of the Ministry of Planning; Dr. Mohammad Hourani, director-general of the Cities and Villages Development Bank; Dr. Mansour Al Otoum,

ment at the Ministry of Labour and Social Development; and Mr. Munther Al Saudi from the Pension Fund.

In addition, the Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Adnan Faraj from the Arab Centre for Pharmaceutical Industries to the JIEC's board of directors.

Meanwhile, the Prime Ministry on Sunday issued a circular calling on all parties concerned to support local contractors. The circular said that tenders for projects financed by foreign loans and grants should be divided into several tenders with values not exceeding JD 500,000.

### Study urges greater safety measures to reduce occupational injuries

director of Employment Depart-

AMMAN (Petra) — A study conducted by the Ministry of Labour and Social Development, the Social Security Corporation and the Workers Health and Safety Institute has recommended that all public and private sector companies and factories set up safety committees and appoint supervisors to handle occupational hazards.

The study, which was designed to estimate the cost of occupational injuries, said that safety equipment and training should be provided to the workers so that the number of injuries and their cost can be reduced.

Factories and companies ought to create a more convenient and safer environment for the workers, so as to help them avoid injuries, the study noted.

According to Abdul Rahim Abdul Jaber, director of the Workers Health and Safety Institute, the study which was conducted over a period of seven months under the supervision of Mr. Abdul Jaber, revealed that

the indirect cost of injuries sus-tained by workers was JD 91,653, almost four times the direct cost of injuries estimated at JD 22,454. "This shows clearly the extent of damage done to society as a result of occupational injuries;" Mr. Abdul Jaber pointed

The study suggested that all companies and factories set up health centres or clinics to provide sufficient medical care to workers and administer first aid to those injured. Employment of physicians at

these enterprises would also reduce the number of unemployed doctors in the Kingdom, the study said. It said that the workers should

be allowed to attend seminars and courses on protecting themselves from occupational injuries.

The study also urged inspectors from the Ministry of Labour and Social Development to make regular visits to the companies and factories to ensure that they abide by safety measures.

the injured workers are young people between 25 and 29 years

old — with low incomes. The study surveyed 4:738 workers, 170 of whom had suffered injuries on the job. The study revealed that 22.28 per cent of the injuries affected the eyes, followed by legs and feet at 15.22

It also noted that some of the victims suffered multiple injuries due to handling equipment, falling, contact with chemical substances, fires, explosions, electric shocks or cave-ins.

Some of the injuries were in the form of bruises, fractures and burns which led to bleeding and, in some cases, to death, the study

Mr. Abdul Jaber said that the study was needed to determine the actual cost of the occupational injuries, which affect the productivity of companies and factories and, hence, the health of the national economy.

### TCC to float int'l tenders worth JD 100m

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Telecommunications Corporation (TCC) will, as of February, begin floating international tenders worth a total of JD 100 million for projects designed to promote the Kingdom's telephone services, TCC Director-General Mohammad Shahed Ismail announced on Sunday. Mr. Ismail said that the private

sector will be invited to contribute to the implementation of these projects, which will be carried out in stages and will cover 591 towns and villages. The projects entail installing

automatic telephone exchanges and nearly 100 new buildings to house the electronic equipment and microwave stations. By announcing international

tenders, the TCC hopes to attract the best and most experienced world systems, to improve performance and to benefit from competition among international firms, Mr. Ismail said. He said that at least new 55

microwave stations will be built and an additional 219,000 telephone lines created through these

### British Airways introduces new service for business travellers AMMAN — British Airways has

unveiled a major new £25 million investment aimed at enhancing its worldwide business travel pro-The airline's aim is to attract a

greater number of business flyers, who already make up a quarter of its passengers and provide approximately £1 billion a year in revenue. British Airways' entire inflight service is being reexamined to

keep the airline ahead of competitors and to reinforce its position as market leader in all classes of travel. The main features of Club World and Club Europe include

new separate aircraft cabins, new seats on long-haul aircraft, new airport lounges and a comprehensive range of other innovations. Sir Colin Marshall, chief executive of British Airways, called the multi-million pound project "a

new mark of respect for business travellers." From Jan. 5, the present Super Club on intercontinental routes will be superseded by Club World — a service tailored to the lifestyle of the long-haul business

traveller in the 1990's. At the same time, services for 6,000 Club Class passengers every day in Europe will be radical-

Seating comfort was a prime Amman.

requirement and interior layouts on almost all the airline's 166-plus aircraft are being reconfigured to offer more legroom. Fixed partitions to create separate, exclusive cabins will replace the present movable curtain dividers between Club and Economy classes on all flights. Express check-in, valet parking, swifter baggage delivery, priority reservations lines and a host of other improvements tailored to customer needs are being introduced. Target customers for Club World are the world's most frequent business flyers usually men in the 40's, in very senior positions and in the top one per cent of income earners. They fly on business more than 20 times a year and know what rival airlines offer.

To cater to these valued customers, design consultants went back to basics to produce an "understated, contemporary style reflecting the intelligent thoughtful nature of service," right down to the finest detail, even baggage tags. Leading young British artists were picked to illustrate menus, and inflight duty free goods include items chosen for uniqueness and looks.

British Airways will introduce Club World and Club Europe to ly improved with the birth of Jordan with a reception this afternoon at the Mariott Visit its esteemed business clients in

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### No thanks, Mr. Peres

THERE IS obviously a veiled threat in Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres' new year's remark in London to the effect that the alternative to entering into negotiations with Jordan under United Nations auspices is to open negotiations with the PLO, outside the purview of the proposed international peace conference. The question is, for whom is this admonition intended? If it is directed against Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and his Likud bloc in a bid to make him hurry up and engage the Arabs in negotiations under U.N. auspices, then clearly it fell on deaf ears. Shamir and company are determined not to budge on their rejection of the international peace conference, come what may. If Peres' threat is intended for Jordan in the form of a decoy to stampede it into precipitous negotiations under the U.N. ambrella, without the presence of the PLO and the other concerned Arab parties, then it is also doomed to go nowhere.

In either scenario, the Israeli foreign minister is using the PLO as some sort of a bogey-man to be feared by Jordan and Israel, and to be kept at arm's length by both parties. Unfortunately for Peres and Shamir, and despite occasional differences of opinion among Arab parties, Jordan is totally and clearly committed to engage in negotiations with Israel only under U.N. auspices and with the participation of the PLO and the other directly concerned Arab states. No amount of trickery or semantics would make Jordan waver in its national commitment to this position, which is based on deep conviction and on the edifice of the latest Arab summit in Amman. Jordan's position is an honourable position based on Arab resolutions adopted unanimously in the heart of its own capital; no ploy will change Jordan's unambiguous stand on the lawful means to address the Arab-Israeli conflict, and notably the Palestinian issue, under the aegis of the U.N. Security Council.

No thanks, Mr. Peres, for trying to drive a wedge between Jordan and the PLQ. It was not the kind of signal that we were waiting for, especially in the wake of the uprising that erupted in the West Bank and Gaza Strip last month.

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#### Al Raï: Vital talks on pan-Arab bodies

AN eight-member Arab League committee today opens a meeting in Amman to examine the conditions of pan-Arab organisations and help tidy them over their present difficulties. This meeting, to be held under the chairmanship of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, is of paramount importance because rectifying the course of these organisations means further strengthening the Arab League and giving impetus to joint Arab economic action.

The ministerial committee, chaired by the acting prime minister of Lebanon, Salim Al Hoss, groups highly skilled economic experts who are bound to help find real solutions for Arab League organisations which had been encountering financial problems and find a formula for better performance of the Arab League organisation as a whole. This step is important because it paves the way for a successful task by various Arab organisations, something which gives momentum to

It is hoped that this committee which will take three days to accomplish its mission will come up with solutions to problems and serve as an example for more and wider cooperation among various Arab institutions and the achievement of stronger solidarity within the Arab Nation.

#### Al Dustour: Hopes for collective action

THE acting prime minister of Lebanon, Dr. Salim Al Hoss, reflected the feelings of the Lebanese people when he said that they appreciate Jordan's stand towards the internal Lebanese conflict and His Majesty King Hussein's endeavours for finding proper solutions for their problems. Dr. Hoss, who chairs a committee entrusted with promoting the work of Arab League organisations, said the Lebanese people consider Jordan as the closest Arab country to Lebanon and one that understands their problems in their right perspective.

The committee that meets today faces a real hard task, but meeting here in the wake of a successful Arab summit should give it better chance for success in trying to improve the work of Arab League organisations. Promoting the work and performance of these organisations means bringing Arab states closer together through joint social and economic action which is bound to enhance solidarity among Arab states at this crucial moment.

Success achieved by these organisations would no doubt be reflected positively on the attitudes and stands of the Arab countries because these organisations had been set up to help achieve the Arab people's aspirations and strengthen the Arab League's stand.

### Sawt Al Shaab: The shoe is on the other foot

THE Israeli defence minister, Yitzhak Rabin, has demanded an end to what he called "Palestinian terrorism" so that Israel could call off its plans for deporting Arab youths from their homeland for taking part in the recent anti-Israeli demonstrations. Rabin has forgotten that it is the Israeli authorities which continue to practise terrorist activity against the Palestinian people, and that Israel's atrocities have been condemned world-wide. Rabin should remember that the United Nations has repeatedly condemned Israel's annexation of Arab land and its drive to judaise Arab territory and evict Arab people from their homeland.

The international community has deplored all Israeli practices against the defenceless population in Palestine and other parts of the Arab World exposed to Israel's aggression. Rabin seems to have forgotten that the Palestinian people's lands have been usurped by his forces and that Arab territory had been annexed by force of arms and that Israeli forces continue to commit barbaric actions against the

Arab people - killing children, women and innocent people. Rabin's threats would never deter the Arab people from con-

tinuing the struggle for freedom.

## 1988 — a year to invest for Mideast peace

By Waleed Sadi

IF THE political and military environments projected for the Middle East in the course of the new year are still unfavourable for convening the proposed international peace conference on the Middle East, that does not mean that the parties concerned should sit tight throughout 1988 waiting for a breakthrough to occur. Rather the time provided for the parties in the year 1988 should be put to a positive interim use on the basis of which other steps and measures can be taken at a future date to be determined by the ensuing events and international and regional circumstances.

Paradoxically, any interim solution for Gaza Strip offers the first opportunity for the start of chain of events and decisions which could propel other steps and measures that in turn could accelerate the peace process in our region. A mere 300 square kilometres and very densely populated with nearly 650,000 Palestinian Arabs, the Gaza Strip has acquired the unenviable reputation of not being wanted by any state party in the Middle East. Often seen as an area heavily infested with emotionally over-charged people prone to violence to express their national aspirations, the Gaza Strip has become "ungovernable" as far as Israel is concerned. Such a "negative situation" can become the "positive situation" which could snowball into something more ambitious in terms of solutions to the occupied Arab territories.

To begin with, the status of the Gaza Strip is curiously ambiguous. Upon the termination of the British mandate over Palestine in 1948, control over that territory was transferred to Egypt, which was lockedup in a state of war with Israel till 1979 when it signed with Israel the Camp David accords. With the advent of the peace agreement, Israeli troops withdrew from

Egyptian territory but maintained its "occupation" of Gaza Strip. Yet, with the lapse of the state of war between Israel and Egypt, the political and legal status of the Gaza Strip became curious. The area is not and never was part of "Israel" as such. Furthermore, Israel does not make protestations to the effect that the Gaza Strip is part of Israel and has not even contemplated its annexation. Interestingly enough, there is an apparent meeting of the minds between the Likud and Labour parties in Israel on the need to keep away the inhabitants of the Gaza Strip from the main stream of Israeli body politics, especially because they are projected to reach the one million mark by the end of this century.

Under these circumstances, any interim solution offered to the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip could serve as an opener or catalyst for further and additional interim solutions on the long road to a complete and final resolution of the Israeli occupation of Arab territories. This is not to mention that any interim solution would provide the necessary psychological and political breakthrough that the parties in the region are anxiously waiting for. It would serve as a beacon of hope that a solution between Israel and its neighbours is probable if not imminent. Besides, any such interim solution would be tantamount to a testing period for any other similar solutions that could be envisaged for the rest of the occupied Arab territories. A satisfactory application of any such an interim solution to the Gaza Strip would surely allay fears and suspicions on the both sides of the fence and put to rest all remnants of scepticisms about the genuine prospects for peace between the antagonists in the Middle East.

As Egypt "enjoys" peace conditions with Israel on practically fronts, it would be in order to contemplate the restoration of share quo ante in the Gaza Strip and have this territory once again and Egyptian "trusteeship" pending the final resolution of its fature, course, there will be formidable problems to surmount overcome, especially security considerations when and if such Egyptian "control" of the Gaza area is reinstituted. Most probat Egypt will be reluctant to take on this responsibility once age The price tag to this initiative would be exuberant, to say the left. But in view of the high stakes involved in this proposal one should not expect the international community from investing in politically and economically to make it as viable as possible. At all any such "reestablishment" of Arab control and order over important Arab territory as the Gaza Strip would constitute a re "movement" in the direction of peaceful resolution of Palestinian case and the Arab-Israeli conflict. This is not to mention the fact that any successful application of this limited and interest solution would help to diffuse the over-charged situation in the occupied Arab territories as a whole.

Should 1988 become the year of interim solutions for that occupied territories, the succeeding years could become the years of permanent solutions. It behaves all the parties concerned therefore to invest in peace in the Middle East in the course of the year 1988 by setting into motion initiatives or schemes which could advance the process of peace in the Middle East in the most practical way. Interim solutions and piecemeal approaches to the occupied territories could be just the right course of action to pursue till the international conference is convened.

## 'Sabbah shows a sensitivity for the complexities of the Middle East'

ROME — On the surface, the retirement of Italian Giacomo Giuseppe Beltritti, the Latin patriarch of Jerusalem, and his replacement by a local-born appointee, Michel Sabbah of Nazareth, would seem to be in line with Vatican policy and ecumenical council directives.

At 77, the patriarch was long overdue for retirement and all over the world today, the aging, Italian-dominated ecclesiastical hierarchy is being replaced by younger priests. Roman Catholicism aims at removing any surviving association of "mission" with colonialism, and therefore prefers the "acculturation" of religion through the creation of locally staffed church positions, from top to bottom.

The Vatican is thus correct in stating that "not political but religious and pastoral considera-tions" are behind the nomination of Monsignor Sabbah. This, however, does not contradict or

Vatican observers have noted rest in Israel and in the territories is significant. "It would have been easy to delay the appoint-Giornale Nuovo.

"It is therefore legitimate to St. Peter's. see in the Vatican's decision a confirmation of its position on the Palestinian question. It is well

right of Palestinians to have a land of their own."

Another consideration is the Vatican's long-standing need for a valid Catholic mediator in the Arab world. Hilarion Capucci, the Catholic Melchite bishop imprisoned in Jerusalem for armsrunning for the PLO and released following a personal request by Pope Paul VI in 1977, has, says II Giornale "...rightly or wrongly, up to now, assumed the popularly attributed role of representing the Palestinian Catholics... in an anti-Israel key.'

There are signs that even the Vatican has come to feel that Capucci's excessive political activism (constantly belying the Vatican's promise to Israel in 1977 that he would be relegated to purely pastoral duties) has disqualified him in the role of mediator.

In Sabbah, the Vatican has acquired a spokesman and mediator of entirely different staexclude other equally important ture for the Middle East, and a point of reference for Arab Catholics. In talks he has had that the timing of this appoint—with Italian and foreign journal-ment to coincide with Arab un—ists since his arrival in Rome on Wednesday, the new appointee shows a sensitivity regarding the complexities of the Middle East ment for a few months," writes scene. He has come for his inthe Vatican correspondent for IL stallation ceremony that will take place on Epiphany, January 6, at

The national Catholic daily. Avaticanenire, this week published an interview in which Sabitself favourably disposed to the religious relations existing in is capable of collaborating will

Israel, "not only with one's faithful but... with the other Christian confessions and other religions as well. The local populations are mostly Jewish and Muslim. From a strictly religious point of view, relations are very good, taking the form of highest respect; but it is inevitable for one to slip from the religious level to the political, since we are speaking of a state

Asked to specify some political problems, he replied that he preferred not to because "things get very complicated. At the most, I can say that this region suffers from a lack of peace. My hope is that men of good faith will collaborate to achieve peace. Up to now they have not done so."

Capucci — whom Sabbah has, at least up to now, not visited is staging a hunger strike, consuming only a glass of water and a received, and 10 days latter. Sab-glass of milk per day, at the bah's nomination was Rome headquarters of the Arab announced.

delegation including 11 Arab ment "that thousands of my ambassadors and a PLO representation in an anti-Israel demonstration at St. Peter's Square during the pope's Sunday general audience. The pope, referring to "that land where Jesus was born" said "that land cannot continue to be a theatre of violence, of contrast and injustice, with suffering for those populations to whom I feel particularly close. Let us turn to God with our prayers so that known that the Holy See declares bah speaks of the many levels of the parties involved and whoever



put an end to this violence." Capucci, that day, announced he "hoped to be received by Mgr. Achille Silvestrini, secretary of the Vatican's Council for Public Affairs." He was, however, not

Capucci continues to make On December 20, he partici- statements to the press. His hunpated, along with a 50-person ger strike is based on the statearrested and put into concentration camps surrounded by barbed wire, just like what happened in the Auschwitz concentration camp, left in the cold, in the rain, without any rights. This violence

and this repression must cease." Sabbah's approach is less outspoken. He said he had followed recent events in Israel by watching television in Amman, and "suffered for my Palestinian brothers" - The Jerusalem Post.

### Iran and Iraq take heaviest toll of Gulf shipping in 1987

turned the Gulf into the most heaviest toll on merchant ship-

The two sides hit at least 178 vessels and killed 108 seamen during the year in the most sustained and savage attacks on shipping in the seven-year-long Gulf conflict. Lloyd's shipping agents of Lon-don reported 34 vessels attacked

"At this rate, we won't have too many ships left in the Gulf," said one regional shipping source.

the entire war.

"It's getting very nasty and very In 1986, the toll was 80 ships hit fined to merchant fleets. and 52 sailors killed. Altogether

Iraq has been flying air strikes mistook the warship for an Iranian against Iran's shuttle tanker fleet tanker. trying to ferry oil out of the Gulf in a determined bid to choke off the conflict and led to a major. exports that finance Tehran's war

Iran has been retaliating against longer exports its oil through waterway, dubbed "missile alley." Iraq pipes most of its oil out

through Turkey and Saudi Arabia. Iran's gunboats come up along-

BAHRAIN (R) — Iran and Iraq, machineguns and rocket-prop-deadlocked on the battlefield, elled grenudes.

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The last confirmed attack was dangerous stretch of water in the on Christmas night, when an Iraworld in 1987 and wreaked their nian boat sprayed bullets into the 20.467-tonne Saudi tanker Nejmat: Al Petro' just off the United Arab:

Iraq reported three strikes along the Iranian coast in the closing few days of 1987, but no, hits were confirmed by independent shipping sources.

Some ships have been attacked in December, the worst month in several times. The world's largest; tanker, the 564,739-tonne Seawise. Giant used by Iran as a storage vessel at the mouth of the guif, was hit by Iraqi jets in October and again in December.

Foreign casualties were not con-

The U.S. frigate Stark was Lloyd's tallied 447 ships damaged attacked by an Iraqi jet on may 17 in hostilities since the war spilled 1 and 35 American sailors died over into the sealanes in May when an Exocet missile struck. bome. The Iraqis said their pilot:

The incident internationalised Gulf. In July, American warships:: started escorting Kuwaiti tankers neutral shipping because Iraq no reflagged with the U.S. flag to deter Iranian attacks.

The start of the escort opera-. tions led to a rash of mines in the shipping lanes. Kuwait and the United States accused Iran of side tankers and cargo ships, raking the mines, which damaged ing them at point-blank range with at least seven ships.

### Pretoria's all-out restrictions fail to stifle black and white anti-apartheid voices

By David Crary The Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — An expanding array of laws and emergency regulations restricts dissent in South Africa, but opponents of the government still find wavs to make their feelings

known. Theatre companies stage hardhitting protest plays, political cartoonists ridicule the president, clergymen pray for detainees at Christmas services, black township residents withhold rent.

The government, which has jailed thousands of its opponents and outlawed many forms of protest, says it believes in the concept of free speech but will not tolerate calls for overthrow of the existing political system.

Home Affairs Minister Stoffel Botha, in charge of censorship and press regulations, said recently that total freedom of expression could be dangerous because many blacks were "exceedingly vulnerable to simplistic ideology, agitation and inflamma-

Regulations imposed under the 18-month-old state of emergency prohibit calls for consumer boycotts, civil disobedience and

various other forms of protest. Other laws restrict reporting about the security forces, bar a range of "subversive" state-ments, require permission to hold outdoor meetings, and allow government censors to ban publica-

tions, films, plays and songs. But to those with sufficient determination and imagination, outlets for dissent remain. Among them:

duce out-of-court payments from the law and order ministry, which activists depict as tacit admissions of improper police conduct. Even when the suits fail, court proceedings provide a forum for witnesses to publicize accusations against authorities with full im-

— The arts. Although censors ban many works, there is still room for strong protest. A book called "Two Dogs and Freedom" contains drawings, by black children, of soldiers firing at township residents. A song by white rock star Johnny Clegg salutes activists who died in detention. A play last month at Johannesburg's biggest theater complex, "You Can't Stop the Revolution," included graphic film footage of victims of alleged police brutality.

 Campus protest. Increasingly, the predominantly white, English-speaking universities have become centres of anti-government, anti-apartheid activity, in-cluding occasional clashes between students and police. In October, 20,000 students and faculty at five campuses demonstrated against new regulations which threaten to reduce government subsidies to the schools unless administrators curtail dis-

- The press. The major English-language newspapers, although condemned by some militants as pro-capitalist and overly cautious, often run editorials and letters from readers assailing the government and

government threats of closure, is the so-called alternative press, which includes the Weekly Mail, produced primarily by whites, and several publications edited by and oriented toward blacks.

— Churches. Several major denominations, including the Roman Catholic, Anglican and Methodist churches, are at the forefront of the anti-apartheid campaign and often hold services with strong political messages. Church leaders like Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, a black, the Rev. Allan Boesak, the mixed-race president of World Alliance of Reformed Churches, and the Rev. Peter Storey, a white who formerly headed the Methodist Church, are well-known abroad and willing to say things that might land

less prominent people in jail.

— Strikes and boycotts. Militant black unions have made clear that they view strikes as a form of political protest, even though labour laws technically limit strikes to workplace disputes. The ongoing rent boycott, although illegal, has spread to dozens of black townships since its start in September 1984 and has cost local authorities as much as \$300 million. Activists say the boycott will continue until the government frees political prisoners and opens negotiations to give full political rights to the voteless black majority.

- Publicity campaigns. Sometimes risking government wrath, opposition groups can make themselves heard through press

— The courts. Suits filed urging bolder racial reforms. releases and news conferences. against the police sometimes pro-Democratic Front, the largest anti-apartheid coalition, appear regularly but no longer are signed. Its two chief spokesmen have been jailed.

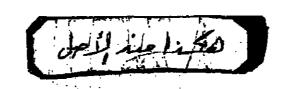
> One effective campaign was spearheaded by the Detainees Parents Support Committee, a multiracial group, in an effort to win release of detained black children. The campaign won widespread support abroad, and the government, although denying that it bowed to pressure, has freed virtually all detainees under 17 years old.

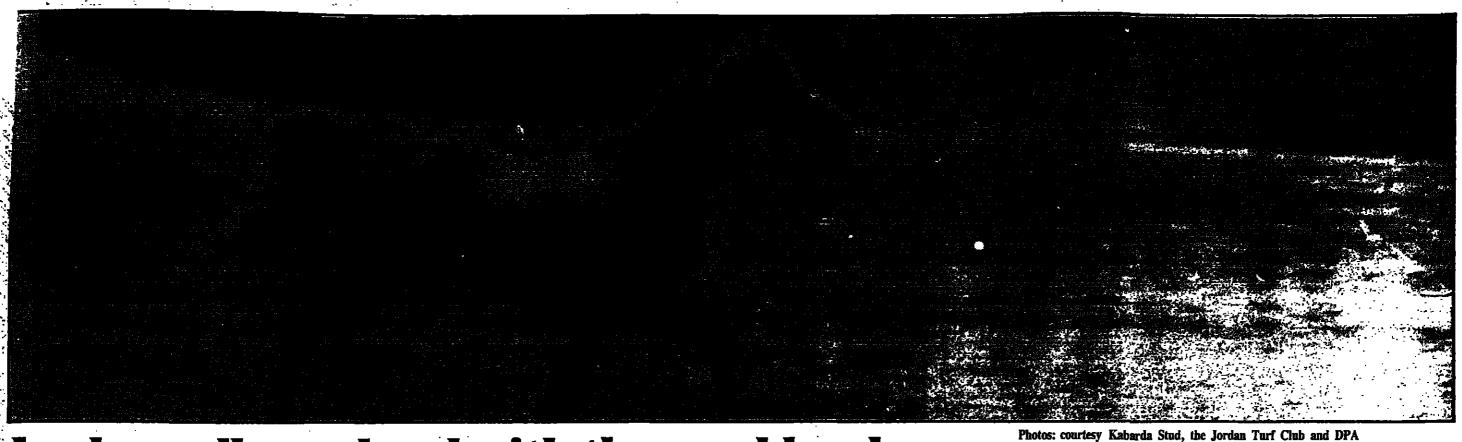
> - Draft resistance. White men face jail terms if they refuse to serve in the military. The government no longer discloses statistics on draft resisters, but those who are prosecuted sometimes speak out against conscription and the deployment of troops in black townships. Ivan Toms, a doctor who served in the army for two years but has refused to report for subsequent training camps, said after his arrest in November: "One has to make a stand in a civil war. One has to take sides."

— Satire. The country's bestknown satirist, Pieter-Dirk Uys, built his reputation through stage revues that lampooned President P.W. Botha, among other targets. Trying a new tactic, Uys recently published a collection of excerpts from Botha's speeches. One sample: "Where in the whole wide world can you find a more just society than South Africa has?"

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### Jordan gallops ahead with thoroughbreds

By Monika Warich

Special to the Jordan Times THE BEDOUIN tradition of keeping a horse "in the family" is still alive in parts of Jordan but with the automobile gaining ground, even in the very remote areas, the number of horses here has been dwindling rapidly.

However, five new studs and one riding club were opened in the country between 1980 and 1984. "This is surely part of a general tendency to revive and cultivate the national heritage and culture," says Mohei Eddin Oandour, owner of the Kabarda Stud and Jordan Turf Club which were established in 1982.

Endeavours to preserve and enhance the Arab horse in Jordan date back to the 1940s when first efforts to save the purebred horse and to restart a stud were made by the late King Abdullah, who founded the Royal Jordanian Stables and Stud (RJSS).
"The main aim of the RJSS is

to preserve the purebred Arab horse in Jordan," says His Majesty King Hussein's daughter Princess Alia who has been managing the stud with its 65 registered Arab horses for some years now.

In the stud's early years, the Princess relates, it was quite difficult to trace the few Arab horses left, who, with their owners, had been widely scattered after the political turmoils in the region before Jordan gamed independ-

Gazella, one of their first breeding mares, was discovered when she was ploughing a field by the roadside by Mr. and Mrs. Lopez, a couple from Gibraltar who at the time were building up

the stud, Princess Alia recalls. The white mare, though meagre and overworked, immediately struck them as a very fine Arab purebred. That was in 1960 and the three year old horse was bought. She subsequently produced a great number of fowls and today her beautiful white son Abdullah is one of the stud's most valuable horses.

The work of the RJSS is very important because the traditional breeding of pure Arabs is dying out. Her Royal Highness says. Today, the Bedouins of Bahrain and Oman are probably the only ones who continue the purebred Arab tradition in the customary





way within the Arab World. Horses in Jordan are mostly bred for racing or showjumping and mixbreeds are preferred because they are faster and can

jump higher than purebred Arabs, Princess Alia explained. But in spite of all that the features and the character of the Arab horse are still cherished by the modern Jordanians and indeed have found lovers all over the world. In Great Britain, Germany, France, the Soviet Union, Spain and the USA, to name just a few, there are numerous private and state studs specialising in

Arab horse breeding. The Arab horse above all is praised for its outstanding beauty; A compact, short body, tail set high on the back, small ears. big low-set eyes with luscious evelashes, large round jaws and

small nozzles are all believed to make the perfect Arab. They are also thought to be more attached to human beings than other breeds, Princess Alia added.

Some of them even became famous like "Al Mokhaladah" (the Immortal), Prophet Mohammad's mare.

Tradition has it that the Prophet, who was a great lover of horses, once let a flock of mares without drink for several days. Then he opened the paddock, calling each one by her name, and almost all raced towards the water. Only five mares pricked their ears when they were called and came to him — Kuheila, Saklawia, Dahma, Abiah and Shweimah. These names are today still used all over the world to denote the five main lines (Alk

The Arab horses' origin in itself is not completely clear, but they are believed to have first been bred in the Yemen and the Arabian Peninsula, and that probably dates back over 5,000 years, says Princess Alia.

The relatively small, slightly built horses have enormous endurance and strength due to the dense structure of their bones. Cross country and long distance rides are consequently their strong points. They also make good mounts for people not necessarily aiming at winning competitions and are often more comfortable to ride because of their light conformation and smaller size than larger breeds.

But in any case no one should ride without the proper training and instruction for the sake of both rider and horse; and chil-

dren in particular should always be supervised while dealing with horses or ponies, Mr. Qandour emphasised. He is training young Jordanians at the premises of the Jordan Turf Club with the aim of — during the coming ten years forming a Jordanian team to take part in international competitions, with the help of two English instructors to arrive early in

Horseriding as a modern sport has been developing only recently in Jordan. The first riding club in the country was opened in 1983, but most of its 90 horses are Arab mixbreeds and the style of riding is definitely European. In the club's first years almost

all active members were European or American, most of them expatriates, now the majority of the riders are Arab, says the club's owner Hari Bisharat. Mr. Bisharat personally grew

up with horses which his grandfather and father used to breed. but the young Jordanians now joining the riding club have no such background and are almost all total newcomers to the sport.

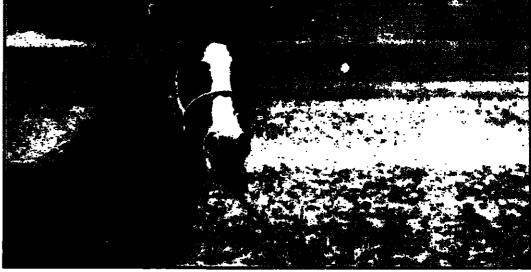
Princess Alia thinks it is very encouraging for her to see that, through their contact with Arab horses as breeders or sportsmen, many people all over the world have become genuinely interested in the Arab countries, their people and history.

International recognition of the ork of the KISS came in the lai 1970s when RJSS joined the World Arab Horse Organisation (WAHO) based in England. The studbood was opened in 1980. Most Arab countries have now achieved the WAHO mem-

But the country with the largest Arab horse breeding programmes is still the United States, and it is big business there. Prime stallions have been known to fetch up to \$5 million there, says Mr. Qandour, while prices in Jordan with about JD 5,000 for a (registered) mare and JD 3,500 for a colt are comparatively moderate, he added.

In Jordan there are presently about 100 horses registered with the WAHO, 65 at the RJSS and 21 at the Kabarda Stud, which means that they can be used for breeding and also take part in international Arab horse shows.









### Foetal organ transplants spark hope, clash over ethics

By Christopher Hanson

WASHINGTON — Imagine this: A woman whose father is senile has herself artificially inseminated with his sperm. She becomes pregnant and, according to plan, has an abortion several months later.

From the dead foetus doctors transplant cells that secrete a memory-enhancing chemical into the father's brain.

His ability to learn and remember improves markedly. The tissue match is ideal due to

genetic similarities and there is little danger of his body rejecting the cells. This hypothetical case sounds as if it came from a macabre science-fiction novel, but scien-

tists say recent experimental advances may make such a scenario feasible before long. The very possibility has sparked a debate over medical

Researchers have been transplanting tissue from dead foetuses — thus far obtained iron reside abortions — in tests aimed at helping victims of Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, dispetes and other ail-

sents.

Scientists say this research is promising and the potential benefits could be incalculable.

"Growing foetuses for spare parts — I think it can be done. It's not a technical question, it's a moral question," Dr. Antonin Scommengna, who heads obstetrics and gynecology at Chicago's Michael Reese Hospital, said in an interview. Jeremey Rifkin of the Liberal

Foundation on Economic Trends lobby group says that unless this work is tightly regulated it risks ushering in a brave new world where babies are "farmed" to die, their organs harvested like

Although the foetuses made available to researchers have come only from abortions done independently, critics fear the day could be coming when they are specifically conceived and aborted for experimental pur-

"Potential uses of foetal tissue make the temptation to conceive with the intent to abort almost inevitable," said biotechnology expert Emanuel Thorne, co-author of a U.S. congressional study of an emerging human tissue in-

Dr. John Fletcher, a former National Institute of Health official who heads the University of Virginia's biomedical ethics department, told Renters of a recent case in which a mother proposed becoming pregnant so the unborn child's bone marrow could be transplanted into her one-year-old son, who could not survive without a transplant of compatible bone marrow.

Hamsa) within the breed.

In another case, he said, a mother of an eight-year-old dying of kidney failure suggested that she become pregnant and have an abortion so a kidney could be transplanted into the boy.

Arthur Caplan, a medical ethics specialist at the University of Minnesota, cited a case in which a woman with severe diabetes wanted to abort and use pancreas cells from her unborn child for transplants to help her

condition. Another woman proposed being artificially inseminated with the seed of her father, an Alzheimer's victim, so genetically matched foetal cells could be used to treat him.

In each case, these experts said, doctors rejected the idea as unethical and medically unsound.

"We don't want a situation where we end any human life solely to benefit others," Caplan said in an interview.

Laws could be passed to prohibit conceiving children simply for use in organ transplants, but Throne said enforcement might be

difficult: "What is illegal in the United States might not be illegal in another country.

"A transplant industry based upon foetal tissue technology could dwarf the present organ transplant industry.'

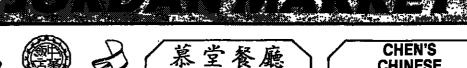
Abortion foes object even to using foetuses from routine abortions for transplant research.

"Transplant organs must be very fresh, which requires close cooperation between the (abortionist) and the doctor harvesting the organ," said Douglas Johnson of the National Right to Life Committee, a private lobby

A foetus must be certified dead before organs are taken, but Johnson said it was often an open question whether the foetus was really dead, even if it were declared to be.

Doctors conducting the research say the foetuses in each case are dead before transplants

Fletcher says the hope of barvesting organs must nêver influence the method chosen for an abortion but that such a restriction would create a medical conflict: Organ experiments require that a foetus be delivered whole, but it is generally better for the mother if a foetus is broken apart in the womb.





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## Czech sports chief hints at taking part in Seoul games

Mandlikova denies reports about joining games with Czech team

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP) — Czechoslovakia's sports chief said in a radio interview that the country's national team would take part in the Summer Olympic Games in Seoul, although no official decision has been made.

Antonin Himl said that he was "convinced we will go to the Olympic games.'

Meanwhile, Czech-born tennis star Hana Mandlikova denied reports that she would compete for Czechoslovakia in the games.

In an interview with Czechoslovak radio Saturday night, Himl said Czechoslovakia wanted to have its athletes participate in about 15 events.

Hungary and East Germany

announced last month that they would take part in the Seoul Olympics, becoming the first East Bloc countries to do so.

Communist North Korea has threatened to call for a boycott of the games if South Korea refuses to co-host the event and there had been concern that the Soviet Union and its East Bloc allies would refuse to attend.

The Czechoslovak Olympic Committee is to announce a final

water cannon used to break up soccer riot NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — A referee's last minute victorydecision Jan. 15 at a joint session

with the Central Committee of spelling penalty decision has the Union of Physical Education. sparked off a soccer riot that A Soviet official has said Mosforced police to use tear gas and cow will also reach a final deciwater cannon to restore order. sion by Jan. 15. The deadline for A police statement said at least

Tear gas,

acceptance is Jan. 17. 13 people were taken to hospital Czech press reports on Satur-day quoted Mandlikova's father with injuries. Saturday's game between as saying the 25-year-old, ranked Apoel and Nicosia and Ael of fifth in the world, would compete Límassol was a goalless draw for Czechoslovakia if the country until the referee gave a penalty when an Ael defender stopped

> last minute of play. The resulting kick gave Apoel a 1-0 victory and the lead in the hotly contested championship, previously held by Ael.

OAKLAND, California (AP) —

Larry Bird had 41 points and 10 rebounds, leading Boston's domi-

nating front line, as the Celtics

defeated the Golden State War-

riors 115-110 Saturday night.
Bird, forward Kevin McHale

and Robert Parish combined for

90 points and 31 rebounds for the

Celtics. Parish had 23 points and

12 rebounds and McHale finished

with 26 points and nine rebounds

and Ralph Sampson had 18 points

and 12 rebounds for the War-

Terry Teagle scored 22 points

the ball with his hand in the very

**NBA ROUND-UP** 

Another Jordan an stroller hats the road

By Nermeen Murad Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The round-theglobe trot fever has hit yet another Jordanian, Khamis Abu Al Dahab, a young athlete, on Sunday embarked on a tour of the world on foot through which he hopes to spread the message of love and peace. This is the second such trip undertaken by a Jorda-

The 22-year-old Jordanian. who started his tour from the Parliament's courtyard, told the Jordan Times that his decision to walk around the world, is a result of his "national pride in my country and the Arab Nation.

His tour is divided into four different legs, the first one is a tour around the city of Amman which will take four days while the second part is touring the main cities of Jordan in which he will be accompanied by another



ABU ALDAHAB holds aloft a banner at the Carliament courtyard before kicking off on his mission. Parliament secretary General Habi Khair sees him off (Petra photo)

Jordanian athlete. Walid female athlete whom he did not name and the final part will be a tour of the rest of the world. World, knamis hopes to be accompanied by a Jordanian of his trip is to. The did not name and the final part will be a tour of the rest of the world. According to the tour of the paramount aims at Hani Khair and Adnan Baioun.

bright image of Jordan." For the purpose he is carrying with him a picture of His Majesty King Massein, a miniature model of a Royal Jordanian airliner and illustrated leaflets of Jordan provided by the Ministry of Tourism

Mr. Abu Al Dabab, however is not the Jordanian forerunder to undertake such a trek. Walid Amayreh was reported on Dec. 15 to have crossed the Sendi

borders on the second leg of his six year tour of the world.

A 31-year-old Syrian Ahmed Mohammad Jubaili, who is ear-rently touring the world with an aim of walking 90,000 km through 132 countries until be reaches Hiroshima in Japan, has already reached Rome where bereportedly delivered a message of peace to the Pope.

Seeing Mr. Abu Al Dahab off was Parliament Secretary General Hani Khair and his Deputy

### Everton's chances for E.L. title remained slim

LONDON (R) — Champions makers. Everton gave a pedigree performance to beat second-placed Nottingham Forest 1-0 in the English Soccer League on Sunday, a 14thminute goal by Wayne Clarke deciding the contest.

Even so, Everton's chances of retaining the title remain at best slender. They moved from seventh to fifth place with their ninth win in 12 home First-Division matches this season but are 16 points behind leaders Liverpool having played two more

Forest, meanwhile, have now played 22 games, the same as Liverpool, and are 13 points behind the championship pace-

ADELAIDE. Australia (AP) —

Mark Woodforde overpowered

top-seeded fellow Australian

Wally Masur 6-2, 6-4 Sunday to win the \$93,400 South Australian

Open tennis championship at

Memorial Drive Courts.
Third-seeded Woodforde,

playing in front of his hometown

crowd, took just 69 minutes to

defeat Masur, the defending

Woodforde, 22, collected the

second major title of his career.

He won the New Zealand Open

The lefthander, ranked 67th in

the world, was too strong for

Masur and was in control

throughout after romping through the first set in just 32

Woodforde served well and

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Everton's winning goal developed on the left. Full-back Pat van Den Hauwe crossed from the touch line and Trevor Steven, at 'the near post, headed on for

with another header. Thereafter the young Forest side gave plenty of evidence of their great potential but had toaccept that, on the day at least, they were inferior to their more

seasoned rivals. Everton's poor finishing, a recurring feature of their performthem winning more easily. In a

while Masur made numerous un-

Masur had no real weapon and

Woodforde had lost his only

previous meeting with 24-year-

The Nabisco Grand Prix event,

which was played on a synthetic

rebound ace surface, was a warm-

up event for the \$1.9 million

Australian Open, which is sche-

duled for Jan. 11-24 in Mel-

Meanwhile, Pam Shriver won

two tie-breaks to capture the

Women's Tennis Classic with a

Czechoslovak teenage Jana

Novotna on Sunday, then

The 25-year-old Am rican said

threatened never to return.

forced errors.

old Masur.

his timing was out.

Ian Snodin all missed good

But Mandlikova, who became

an Australian citizen on Jan. 1,

said through the Women's Inter-

national Tennis Association that

she would not play for Czechoslo-

vakia and she said her father

denied having made such a state-

enters the games.

The victory meant Everton took three points from their two New Year holiday fixtures, having lost the other 1-0 to Sheffield Clarke to drive the ball home Wednesday. Liverpool played only once over the holiday, their match at Derby on Saturday having been postponed after they defeated Coventry 4-0 on Friday to extend their unbeaten start to the season to 22 games.

In a second First-Division match on Sunday, Portsmouth ances this season, prevented boosted their fight against relegation when they won 2-0 at Souththree-minute spell in the second ampton to move out of the bot-

half, Steven, Dave Watson and tom three places. Woodforde takes tennis title

bane, Australia, set to change,

probably to the synthetic rebound

ace variety to match those at the

new national tennis centre in

Melbourne, she probably won't

"I think if it's rebound ace,

there's no reason I would play

here," she said. "I like to touch

base on a surface that the world's

greatest tournament (Wimble-

don) is going to be played on six

saved her against Novotna, who

had four set points at 6-2 in the

a puzzling foot fault call and a

the first time in her life when she

served at 6-2 in the tie-break,

then serving again at 6-5 she was

stopped as ambulance officers

carried out a prostrate spectator.

Novotna earned a code viola-

tion for throwing her racket but

later she was smiling again.
"She's better, she has a lot of

experience," Novotna said. "On

one hand, I'm sad because I

should have won. But it's our

third match now. Each time it's

been closer and next time I will

beat her."

Novotna was foot faulted for

months later.'

fainting spectator.

7-6, (8-6), 7-6, (7-4) w over first set tiebreak which turned on

Bird scored 18 points in the first quarter and Parish added 12 as Boston took a 39-29 lead. Teagle came off the bench for 13 Shriver outpowers Novotna for women's classic crown points in the second period, leading a Warriors' rally that gave quickly got into a good rhythm, later that with the grass courts at them a 62-60 halftime edge. the Milton Tennis centre, Bris-

for the Celtics.

McHale had 10 points in the third quarter, including a short jumper with 3:53 left that put the Celtics ahead to stay at 83-82.

Sonics 116, 76ers 114

In Seattle, Dale Ellis hit a 3-point shot with four seconds left, lifting the Seattle Super-sonics to their 10th straight home victory, 116-114 over the Philadelphia 76ers.

Ellis scored 32 points and Shriver admitted a lot of luck | Xavier McDaniel had 35 points and 11 rebounds as Seattle handed the 76ers their fifth straight

> Charles Barkley led Philadelphia with 34 points and Roy Hinson added 22 as the 76ers lost by a basket for the second night in a row. They lost 127-125 to Portland on Friday on a buzzer-beating layup by Clyde Drexler. With 1:25 left in the game, a

free throw by Ellis gave Seattle a 112-109 lead, but Barkley folseconds remaining, cutting the deficit to one.

Philadelphia took the lead at 113-112 on Barkley's bank shot with eight seconds left. He was fouled on the play and hit the free throw for a two-point advantage.

After a timeout, Ellis took the inbounds pass from halfcourt and hit the game-winning 3-pointer over two Philadelphia defenders. Derrick McKey completed the scoring with a free throw for

Rockets 111, Bullets 100

In Landover, Maryland, Rodney McCray and Akeem Ola-juwon led a 17-2 run in the first quarter that lifted the Houston Rockets to a 111-100 NBA victory over the Washington Bullets

111-100 Saturday night.
The win was the third straight on the road for the Rockets. who concluded a four-game road trip. The Bullets have lost five consecutive games, four of them at

McCray scored seven points and Olajuwon six of his teamhigh 18 during the spurt that gave Houston a 21-8 lead with 4:21 remaining in the first period. The Rockets led 31-18 after one quarter, 57-40 at halftime and 85-62 going to the final period.

Sleepy Floyd and Joe Barry Carroll, the players acquired in the Dec. 12 trade for Ralph Sampson, each scored 16 points for the Rockets. Purvis Short also had 16 points, while McCray finished with 15.

Bernard King led the Bullets with 26 points, 12 of them in the fourth period. Mark Alarie had 18 points, 14 in the final quarter.

Nuggets 151, Pistons 142

glish scored 34 points, including a crucial three-point play with 1:30 left, and reserve forward Jay Vincent added 30, leading the Denver Nuggets to a 151-142 NBA viclowed with a 20-footer with 30 tory over the Detroit Pistons Saturday night.

Isiah Thomas had 40 points and 17 assists for the Pistons, who had won 11 of their previous 12

Leading 80-70 at halftime, the

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Danny Schayes with 7:56 left in the third quarter.

The Maggets led 115-106 at the end of three quarters, but Detroit's Finnie Johnson scored 12 of his 24 points in the final period helping the Pistons get as close is 139-137 with 1:48 left.

Sonics edge 76ers; Rockets blitz Bullets and Warriors downed

English then hit a short jumper, was fouled by Adrian Dantley, and converted the free throw to purthe Nuggets ahead 142-137 with 1:30 left and the Pistons never threatened again.

Deaver trailed 40-35 after the

first auarter, but Blair Rasmussen but the Nuggets ahead with 17 of his 23 points in the second

The Pistons, the second highest scoring team in the NBA behind the Nuggets, lost for the second straight time at home after winning 10 consecutive games at the Pointiac Silverdome.

Bells 116, Nets 93

In Chicago, Dave Corzine and n Paxson came off the bench combine for 22 points during a 6 second-quarter spurt and hael Jordan had 25 points, 10 bounds and 10 assists Saturday ght as the Chicago Bulls ended five-game losing streak with a 16-93 victory over the New

Jordan posted the fourth triple-double of his career and first since March 18, 1985.

The Nets, who have lost 19 straight on the road since last March 18, including 11 in a row In Pontiac, Michigan, Alex En- away from home this season, outscored the Bulls 26-23 in the first quarter, with Mike Gminski scoring eight of his 21 points.

At the start of the second quarter. Corzine and Paxson replaced Mike Brown, starting his first game at centre, and Rory Sparrow. Paxson had started all previous Bulls' games, while Corzine had started more than half. Hitting on 12 of their first 13

shots from the floor, the Bulls Nuggets built their largest lead, took charge as Corzine hit five of

96-79 two free throws by five shots and Paxson six of seven as Chicago openedia 48-32 advan-

> After grabbing a 57-42 halftime lead on the strength of a 62 per cent second-quarter shooting spree (16-26), Chicago opened a 66-46 bulge with 220 left in the

With Brad Selles scoring eight of his 14 points in the third quarter, the Nets trailed 72-54 going into the fourth period. New Jersey, led by reserve

guard Dennis Hopson, cut the deficit to 78-68. But Horace Grant, with three slam dunks and a free throw, and fordan, with a go to a 98-76 advantage with 7:11 left. pair of slam dunks, helped Chica-

Pacers 99, Bucks 97

In Milwaukee, Chuck Person scored 22 points and the Indiana Pacers held off a late charge to beat the Milwaukee Bucks 99-97.

Person scored only three points in the fourth quarter, but his two free throws with 1:29 left gave Indiana its biggest lead at 99-91. The Bucks scored the next six points on baskets by Craig

Hodges, Jerry Reynolds and Terry Cummings to make it 99-97 with 33 seconds remaining. Indiana's Vern Fleming was

called for travelling with 12 seconds left when Jack Sikma blocked his move to the basket. After a Bucks timeout, Paul Pressev inbounded the ball at

halfcourt to Sikma, whose shot bounced off the rim. Person grabbed the rebound and held onto the ball as time expired. Steve Stipanovich added 17 points for the Pacers, including 11

in the third quarter. Cummings and Pressey led the Bucks with 16 points each. The Pacers led 79-78 after three quarters after Stipanovich

scored nine points in the final three minutes.

Mavericks 116, Spurs 109

In San Antonio, Texas, Mark Aguirre scored 23 points and reserve forward Detlef Schrempf came off the bench to score 12 of his season-high in the final

icks to a 116-109 victory over the San Antonio Spurs Saturday The Mavericks, who snapped

period, leading the Dallas Maver-

the Spurs' 11-game homecourt winning streak, pulled ahead 112-109 on Aguirre's 3-point goal with 1:30 to go in the game. San Antonio didn't score in the final

Walter Berry led the Spurs with 28 points. Alvin Robertson added 21 and Johnny Dawkins

Robertson's steal and drive with 1:51 to go gave the Spurs their final lead, 109-107.

San Antonio blew a chance to tie with 17 seconds to go. Schrempf missed two free throws, but the rebound went long and Derek Harper grabbed the ball before being fouled by Green-

Harper made both free throws to make the score 114-109 with nine seconds to go.
The Spurs led 57-51 at half-

time, but their lead dwindled to 88-87 at the end of the third

Kings 107, Utah 105

In Sacramento, California, Reggie Theus hit a 17-foot jumper at the buzzer, giving the Sacramento Kings a 107-105 win over the Utah Jazz.

Theus scored a season-high 36 points to lead the Kings. Otis Thorpe added 18 points and 12 rebounds as Sacramento snapped

a three-game losing streak.
Karl Malone topped Utah with
26 points and 11 rebounds, while John Stockton added 21 points and 19 assists, the high in the NBA this season. He has 37 assists in his last two games.

Sacramento led 105-104 with 14 seconds left when Malone stole a pass. Four seconds later. Stockton went to the line after being fouled

on a layup attempt.

Stockton hit the first shot to the the score 105-105, but missed the second. allowing the Kings' Joe Kleine to grab the rebound.

Kleine's 12th rebound of the game led to Theus' basket 10 seconds later.

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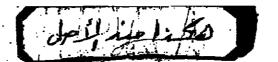
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### Scheme for common Gulf Arab Mulroney, Reagan sign currencies loses momentum

BAHRAIN (R) - An ambitious met in Saudi Arabia last week for scheme for a unified currency system among six Gulf states has run out of steam, with leaders reluctant to sever a traditional link to the dollar and turn their back on Washington, bankers said on Sunday.

Moderate Gulf states appear to have decided now would be the wrong time to act as the United States lobbies hard for an end to the Gulf war and its navy protects Kuwaiti oil tankers from Iranian attack in the waterway's dangerous shipping lanes.

"Leaders seem to have decided there was little to gain politically from turning their back on the dollar," said one Gulf-based banker. "It would give the wrong

The plan to bring together the six states' currencies within a common framework, based loosely on the successful European Monetary System (EMS), was widely discussed during 1987 and detailed technical models were formulated.

A key point would have been to break with a close link to the dollar and instead create a peg to a basket of currencies reflecting the trading patterns of the six

states more closely. But when the six leaders of the

Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)

HAVANA (R) — President

Fidel Castro, relying on his per-sonal blend of charisma and

popularity, has prepared Cubans

for the idea that 1988 will mean

more belt-tightening, hard work

and economic austerity, diplo-

"Only Fidel, nobody else,

could announce more hardships

ahead, get away with it, and

probably genuinely convince the

majority that there is no other

way," a Western diplomat said.

In a string of public speeches

preoccupied this morning was a family difficulty that you will delay other important matters. As the day moves on, though, you'll find a sensible solution.

a sensible solution.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Do something to console a family friend who feels slighted. Use all of your excess energy constructively today. Drive with great care.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Be sure to avoid extravagance of any kind today, and take great care that you don't resease on a promise. Con-

kind today, and take great care that you don't renege on a promise. Concentrate on business matters.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Try not to spend too much money this morning. Stay at home with your mate and family this evening, and you'll all be very happy.

MOON CHILDREIN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Don't do anything which might put your reputation in jeopardy. If you are patient, you will get the assistance you need.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Stick to your routines today, and don't run

your routines today, and don't run
off on any strange tangents. A new
acquaintance may give you some incredibly bed advice.
VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)
Don't come to any basty decisions

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their annual summit discussion of economic matters was overshadowed by the war.

The summit communique mentioned the scheme in just one paragraph, saying: "The council looked favourably upon steps undertaken towards the approval of a common denominator for GCC currencies as an important step in the framework of coordinating financial and monetary

One banker commented: "The communique shows the leaders want to be seen to be following up the subject, but it really masks lack of real progress."

The GCC states - Bahrain. Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Sandi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) — are heavily dependent on the dollar, the currency in which they sell oil.

Oman pegged its riyal to the dollar in 1973, while the Saudi, Bahraini, UAE and Qatari currencies are all in practice linked to the dollar. Kuwait pegs its dinar to a basket of currencies, but it is weighted heavily towards the dollar.

Apart from the political sensitivities, there appears to be considerable debate among the Gulf states over what would be the

ahead of the New Year, the 30th

of Cuba's socialist revolution,

President Castro urged Cubans to

brace themselves for more hard

times and asked them to contri-

bute more to voluntary work in

so-called micro-brigades of build-

expect next year to be different from 1987. We will face in 1988

and 1989, and perhaps until 1990,

years when more prowess will be

told a national assembly session.

where important matters are con-cerned, and don't lose your temper with your mate this evening. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Put your creative ideas to work, and get back in the good graces of your

bartiers. Schoe evening work count be very profitable. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Work out a schedule early today, and stick to it without fail. Wait un-

til the sir has cleared before speak-ing to an irate co-worker. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Don't jump at your first opportunity for some ammement with a friend, since something more to your liking will pop up later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jen. 20) Study an annoying home situation before you try to improve it; hasty action could make things worse. Don't invite any guests in tonight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Keep busy at the work in front of you, and don't let anyons distract you. Your friends will respect you more if you tall them your plans.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) If someone ground you has a boorish

someone around you has a booriek stilinde, don't bother complaining to this person, just leave. Listen to the advice of an older person.

required from our people," he rency.'

'We cannot, not for a second,

ng workers.

proper peg for their currencies. Some favour using the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) basket, the Special Drawing Right, made up of the Deutschemark, Japanese yen, French

Others argue for a basket of currencies tailored specifically to the region. This too has sparked a conflict of interest since the Gulf states pursue different investment policies and a change might expose some to greater currency risks than others.

franc, British pound and the

dollar.

Saudi Arabia, for instance, has invested heavily in the U.S. bond markets, while Kuwait has used its oil wealth to buy shares, often in European markets.

Once a common peg was agreed, the six currencies would be allowed to fluctuate against each other by a maximum of 71/4

Central banks would intervene from a joint fund to keep currencies within those parities in a system very similar to that now in

operation in Europe. But one banking source said: There is still an awful lot that needs to be done. The scheme has not been shelved, but I simply could not say how long it will take

President Castro's magnetism

is unquestionable, diplomats said,

but they stressed it was difficult to

gauge popular reaction to con-

tinuing austerity in Cuba since

there was only limited dissent outside the official Communist

The year just ended, President

Castro said, "was the worst year

since the start of the revolution

(in January 1959) in terms of

availability of convertible cur-

Hard currency revenue in 1987

He called this a consequence of

1. A fall in oil prices — Cuba

resells most of the oil it receives

2. A weak dollar - most of the

island's exports are denominated

3. A prolonged drought that

affected the sugar harvest and

President Castro forecast 1988

to be "the year of consolidation

(of Cuba's revolutionary process)

but in the midst of the biggest

The national assembly on Dec.

28 approved an economic plan for

According to officials of the state committee (ministry) for finance, in 1987 the economy stag-

nated after a sluggish 1.4 per cent expansion in 1986 and average growth of 7.2 per cent in the five-year period 1981-85.

amounted to only a quarter of the

1984 level, he said.

three main factors:

in U.S. dollars.

limitations.'

from the Soviet Union.

## free trade agreement

Brian Mulroney has asked President Reagan to push for speedy congressional approval of the U.S.-Canadian free trade agreement signed by both leaders on

The agreement, signed simultaneously by Mr. Mulroney in Ottawa and by President Reagan in Palm Springs must now be approved by the U.S. Congress and the Canadian parliament.

"I have urged the president to ensure that the drafting of the U.S. legislation takes place as expeditiously as possible to permit early introduction into the U.S. Congress," Mr. Mulroney told reporters.

The accord, which eliminates all tariffs on bilateral trade within 10 years of implementation and reduces non-tariff trade barriers between the world's largest trading partners, was praised by both

leaders as historic. But there was some opposition in Canada as Mr. Mulroney's political opponents, the opposi-tion Liberal and New Democratic parties, vowed to fight the accord they say violates Canadian sovereignty and demonstrators staged protests along the U.S.-

Some 1,000 protestors disrupted traffic on the bridge between Detroit and Windsor, Ontario. And in a separate de-

Canadian border.

PALM SPRINGS, California (R) monstration 300 people led by a — Canadian Prime Minister man waving a Canadian flag marched across the bridge linking Fort Erie, Ontario and Buffalo. N.Y., chanting: "Free Canada, trade Mulroney" and "Canada is not for sale.'

Other demonstrations were held at border crossings in Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia.

Approval of the measure in Canada does not seem to be a danger since Mr. Mulroney's Conservatives hold a big parliamentary majority, but analysts believe Mr. Mulroney might call an election on the issue this year as the Canadian public is seen as equally divided on the free trade. accord.

In the United States the deal comes at a time of mounting protectionist pressures in Congress as a way of dealing with the record trade deficit.

But President Reagan, in a formal statement, said the accord would benefit many sectors of the U.S. economy and increase Canada's access to U.S. markets. "It will encourage supporters

of free trade throughout the world by demonstrating governments can remove trade barriers even in the face of protectionist

pressures," he said. The U.S.-Canada pact will create a free trade zone from the Arctic circle to the Rio Grande, ending all tariffs gradually over 10 years, beginning in 1989.

### **Indonesia plans export drive** in China and East Europe

JAKARTA (R) — Indonesia, seeking new markets for its rubber, coffee and other primary commodities, has identified China and Eastern Europe as key areas for expanding exports in

President Suharto singled out China and Eastern Europe as targets for expansion during an end-of-the-year cabinet session to review the budget he will announce on Tuesday, government officials said on Sunday.

President Suharto has followed

a staunchly anti-communist line since rising to power after a failed coup in 1965, which he blamed on Peking-backed communists, but in the last four years has approved increased trade with

in South East Asia, only tea, tin and other primary coming in 1985 and still has no formal diplomatic ties.

figures, businessmen say trade crease non-oil exports. Arabs stress detergent industry

economic integration.

on a detergent industry.

ABU DHABI (OPECNA) — A call was made here to Arab detergent manufacturers to utilise locally-made materials in making

soaps and other cleaning agents in the interest of Arab industrial and

The call came in a recommendation by the second Arab conference

The meeting also stressed the importance of preparing and training manpower to promote the Arab detergent industry.

with China has started to boom. In November, Indonesia signed a \$1.5 billion contract to supply 4.5 million cubic metres of plywood to China over three years.

Indonesia has sent a series of business delegations to Eastern Europe, and China sent a large trade team to Jakarta last June in an effort to expand trade.

Diplomats said President Suharto's approval of trade with Peking and Eastern Europe was significant because of lingering doubts among Indonesian businessmen about trade with communist countries due to the continued stigma against communists at home.

Indonesia is the world's second largest natural-rubber producer after Malaysia and is also a lead-Indonesia, the largest country ing producer of coffee, palm oil,

Because of fluctuating prices for oil, Indonesia's main export, Although there are no detailed the government is trying to in-

### Sri Lanka to buy Iranian oil

TEHRAN (OPECNA) — Sri Lanka has signed an agreement with Iran to purchase half a million tons of oil. The deal was finalised during the visit here last month of Sri Lankan minister of finance and planning R.J.G. De Mel who held a number of meetings with his Iranian counterpart Mohammad Javad Iravani. The Iranian minister said that his country was ready to buy 15,000 tons of Sri Lankan tea. The two sides also agreed in principle on the utilisation by Iranian ships of repair facilities available at Sri Lankan ports. The minister said Iran was willing to sell non-oil products to Sri Lanka. He added that there could be close cooperation between the two countries in agriculture, fisheries and oil exploration. Exchange of experts was another area which had much potential.

## Oman forecasts sharp rise in budget deficit despite cuts

MUSCAT (R) — Non-OPEC Oman, recovering from last year's slump in world oil prices, will keep a tight rein on spending in 1988 but faces a near doubling of its budget deficit as foreign loan repayments mount.

financial and economic affairs, the few Gulf states to rely heavily Mr. Qais Ibn Abdul Monim Al on foreign borrowing in recent Zawawi said economies were years as oil revenues came under basic to the Gulf state's new year budget endorsed by Sultan Qaboos Ibn Said on Saturday

Announcing details in the offi-cial Arabic daily Oman, he said the 1988 deficit would widen to \$500 million from a projected 108 million (\$280 million) in 1987.

U.S. economy will decline sharp-

ly in 1988, an indirect result of the

October stock market crash,

changing population patterns and

tougher management, labour spe-

The quality of new jobs also

will fall, mostly into the class of

part-time service positions rang-

ing from janitors to hamburger

flippers, which offer few benefits.

low pay and no long-term secur-

ity, a number of economists sug-

In an unusual convergence,

both labour and industry say the

economic dynamo that has cre-

ated about 12 million new jobs in

the United States since the last

recession is stumbling, although

they disagree on how that will

Mr. Henry Schechter, deputy

director of economic research for

the AFL-CIO labour Confedera-

tion, said a growing inflation rate,

decline in housing construction,

sluggish auto sales, relentless

growth in imports and cutbacks in

government budgets will all mean

One of the bluntest assessments of U.S. employment was

released last week by the Confer-

ence Board, a prominent business

research group. It predicted the

number of new jobs will tumble

to about 1.5 million next year,

fewer new jobs this year.

affect 1988 employment.

cialists say.

Bankers said that deficit will

**Economists expect fewer** 

new jobs in United States

NEW YORK (AP) — The num-ber of new jobs created by the ated in 1987.

Deputy prime minister for repayments due by Oman, one of pressure, particularly in 1986.

Oman is not a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), but follows the 13-nation group's policies closely and relies on production of about 565,000 barrels 194 million Omani riyals or about per day to fund day-to-day

Mr. Zawawi said the new budget projects revenue of 1.35 rise because of an increase in debt billion riyals (\$3.5 billion), margi-

Mr. Richard Belous, a Confer-

ence Board labour economist

who authored the assessment,

attributed part of the decline to a

prediction that the population of

Americans seeking work will

grow at a faster pace than new

employment opportunities.
In addition, the labour force

will be comprised increasingly of

what Mr. Belous and other eco-

nomists call "contingent em-

ployees," a group that will fill

part-time temporary jobs and face higher risk of layoffs if the

layoff risk has been aggravated by

the Oct. 19 stock market crash,

which hurt the ability of com-

panies to raise money by selling

stock. The alternative is to bor-

row money, which will make

order to pay increased debts.

Another reason that private

slowdown in the number of jobs

created since late-1982, when the

Ms. Sandra Shaber, an eco-

nomist with the Futures Group, a

Washington-based forecasting

firm, predicted a 1.5 per cent rate

of job growth next year.

last recession ended.

These economists contend the

economy shrinks.

nally higher than in 1987, while spending will be trimmed by 0.5 per cent to 1.60 billion riyals (\$4.2 billion).

Some 79 per cent of revenue is slated to come from oil after 85 per cent in 1987, consistent with the sultanate's economic policy of reducing dependence on crude exports and supporting sectors such as fishery and agriculture.

Oman has said it expects to return to the international loan markets in 1988 for up to \$200 million. Its budget deficit is calculated after taking account of new borrowing and repayment on maturing loans.

Defence spending will rise mar-ginally to 532.6 million riyals (\$1.4 billion), though this is as much cash as that allocated to all other 19 ministries combined.

### Saudi Arabia levies new import duties

RIYADH (R) — Saudi Arabia has imposed sweeping new import tariffs to protect local industry and reduce its large budget deficit, the Arab News reported on Sunday.

Mr. Hamad Rushoudi, director-general of customs, told the newspaper that duties of 12 per cent had been levied as of Jan. 2 on products ranging from cars and electronics to textiles and

Previously, they were either duty-free or carried a seven per cent rate.

Duties on a second group of products competing with locally made goods, including cement, were raised to 20 per cent from various levels.

The government has come corporate executives more under great pressure in the past aggressive in cutting costs in year to protect local industry, especially the eight cement producers who have been hit by analysts have forecast a bleaker cheaper foreign imports. employment picture in 1988 is they foresee an inevitable cyclical

Diplomats said it was uncertain how the new duties would affect the unified tariff policy the kingdom agreed with its five partners in the Gulf Cooperation Council

The six countries of the GCC, which also includes Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, agreed several years ago to impose a common tariff of seven per cent on a wide range of imports.

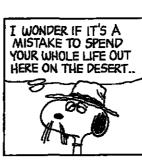
In its 1988 budget released on Wednesday, the Saudi government said it expected customs duties to add 6.5 billion rivals (\$1.7 billion) to its revenues for the year.

It forecast total revenue at 105.3 billion riyals (\$28 billion) and spending at 141.2 billion (\$38 billion), leaving a shortfall of 35.9 billion riyals (\$9.6 billion).

### **Peanuts**









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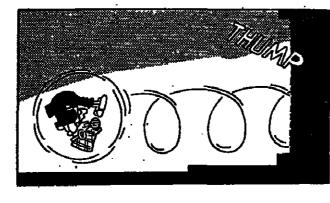








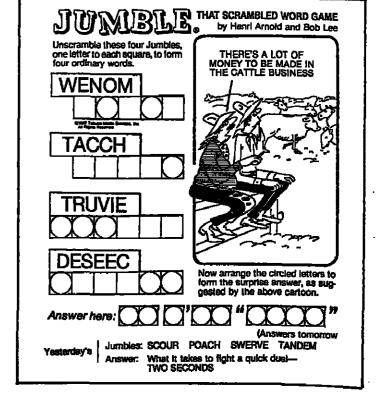
### **Andy Capp**







### THE BETTER HALF, By Harris HARRIS "I like to run workout tapes in reverse so I can watch celebrities gain weight!"



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THE Daily Crossword by Bernard Moren

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## S. African feud continues with 10 more black deaths

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Ten more blacks have died in heightened feuding in Natal province and a leading black newspaper said on Sunday that the fighting cast a grim shadow of anarchy over the dream of a post-apartheid South Africa.

In a statement on political un-rest, police reported 10 deaths of The blacks on Saturday in Natal, where 75 people were killed in December. The toll was one of the worst since a power struggle erupted a year ago in the black townships of Natal.

Rivalries between the conservative, Zulu-based Inkatha Movement and South Africa's biggest anti-apartheid group, the United Democratic Front (UDF), lie behind the carnage.

Support for the two movements overlaps in Natal, home of South Africa's six-million-strong Zulu tribe.

City Press, a Johannesburg newspaper widely read by blacks. said restoring peace in the area was a matter of life and death. Quoting British wartime leader Winston Churchill, it said: "If we quarrel, our children are un-

military has begun top-secret

ground tests of a powerful laser to

be launched into space in the

1990s as part of the "Star Wars"

missile defence system, the New

York Times reported on Sunday.

The newspaper quoted a

spokesman for the air force

weapons laboratory in Albuquer-

que, New Mexico, as saying the

first test involved the cold flow of

Later in the test, the gasses will

be ignited, the Times quoted J.

Richard Garcia as saying. The

laboratory manages the program-

me for the Pentagon's Strategic

Defence Initiative (SDI) Orga-

"It achieved what we wanted,"

SDI, more commonly known

as Star Wars, is President

fuel through the laser.

Garcia said.

The editorial reflected growing concern among blacks that the internecine violence was sowing the seeds of conflict in any future

black-ruled South Africa. Church groups estimate that 280 people have died as daily stabbings, shootings and burnings turned townships around the tranquil market town of Pietermaritzburg into South Africa's most notorious killing field.

Police said five men died on Saturday in clashes between two groups in Mpumuza township, three men were stabbed to death in nearby Deda and a 13-year-old youth and a man died of stab wounds elsewhere in the cluster of poverty-stricken townships near Pietermaritzburg.

The City Press commented on the bloodletting: "It has serious implications for the post-apar-

The two-million watt laser is

Its launching would be Amer-

The laser is certain to intensify

one of the most expensive and

controversial aspects of the plan,

ica's first deployment of a space

laser powerful enough to damage

disputes over whether the United

States would violate the anti-

ballistic missile treaty by testing it

in space, the newspaper said. Meanwhile President Reagan

on Saturday called on the U.S.

Senate to quickly ratify the treaty

he signed last month with Soviet

leader Mikhail Gorbachev to eli-

minate short and medium-range

In his first weekly radio address

of 1988, Mr. Reagan said the

intermediate nuclear forces treaty

or destroy orbiting targets.

U.S. reportedly testing SDI laser

the Times said.

nuclear missiles.

NEW YORK (R) — The U.S. based shield against missiles.

theid South Africa all men and women of goodwill dream about.

"In the past months Maritzburg (Pietermaritzburg) has slow-ly been slipping onto the road of anarchy. This road of no return looms large before black South Africa if we cannot find a remedy to what is happening in Maritz-

City Press said Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and Nobel Peace Prize winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu were fighting a war of words rather than seeking solutions.

Tutu, who has tried to mediate in the fighting, appealed last week to all sides to end what he termed a ghastly spiral of revenge

Buthelezi, who says Tutu is sympathetic to the UDF, accused him of being linked with the "labyrinth of intrigue which pur-posefully sets out of perpetuate

Efforts to negotiate peace have so far been dogged by distrust between Inkatha and the UDF, which both oppose apartheid but clash over tactics.

allies and a step toward a more

secure peace for the entire

He urged the Senate to move quickly to ratify the treaty, a step

which is required under the U.S.

constitution before it can take

the Senate to accept his nomina-

tion of Judge Anthony Kennedy

for the Supreme Court. The Sen-

ate is expected to confirm Ken-

nedy early this year in the third

attempt to replace Lewis Powell

one justice short for many

months now," Mr. Reagan said.

"So I urge the Senate to confirm Judge Kennedy with all due

"The Supreme Court has been

who retired last summer.

Mr. Reagan also appealed to

ment," the newspaper said. "Pressure for the summit has come largely from the Europeans, with Mrs. (British Prime Minister Margaret) Thatcher and Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West with a range of 500 to 5,500 kilometres, added up to "a good Germany leading the way." said the Sunday Times. deal for the United States and its

Mikhail Gorbachev.

**NATO** 

summit

planned

ported.

LONDON (AP) — The leaders

of NATO's 16 member nations

are to meet in March for a sum-

mit about European Defence in the wake of U.S. arms reduc-

tions, the Sunday Times re-

The newspaper said the meet-ing will be the first of its kind in

six years and that North Atlantic

Treaty Organisation (NATO) heads of government have met

only twice in the past 10 years.

The newspaper said the meeting "aims to coordinate the

alliance's policy on arms cuts and

quieten fears that the United

States will reduce its commitment

to Europe" as it pulls out in-

termediate-range nuclear missiles

in accordance with a pact signed in December by U.S. President

Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader

"Its purpose is also to reassure

public opinion in Western Europe that NATO is in full

agreement and not on a slippery

slope toward nuclear disarma-

"The European leaders believe a summit is essential, not only to endorse the medium-range treaty signed in Washington last month, but also to ensure that the superpowers' rush toward arms control does not leave Western Europe at

disadvantage. In a separate development, London's Sunday Express reported the United States plans to cancel millions of dollars of defence spending that had been planned to be spent in Britain in

The newspaper said the cuts will be announced on Wednesday and that they will be the "tip of the iceberg.

The report said the cuts will include \$130 million from the \$564 million allotted for developing a new version of the British Hawker Harrier "jump jet" that the United States also uses.

There will also be cuts in buildings at American bases in Britain. the report said.

It added: "Though the savings are tiny in relation to the huge forces in Europe, they will certainly provoke unease throughout NATO, especially as similar cuts are being imposed on American bases in West Germany and Italy.`

A British Defence Ministry spokesman said the ministry was unaware of such cuts and Britain still intended to carry out its part of the Harrier project.

### 50 Brazilian gold miners said killed during protest

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) — Miners' leaders said at least 50 prospectors died in a clash with military police in a gold-rush town in northern Brazil, but police put the death toll at three.

"I have never heard of a massacre equal to this in Brazil," Joao Tadeu, a union official at the gold-mining site of Serra Pelada, said in a telephone inter-

"There are at least 50 dead." he said on Saturday.

However, a federal police spokesman, Wilson Alfredo Perpetuo, sent to Serra Pelada to investigate Tuesday's incident, said the official death toll was three but there were rumours of many more dead in the area in the Amazon Basin, some 1,300 kilometres north west of Brasilia.

He said police used force to end a miners' blockade of a road and rail bridge over the Tocantins River near the Serra Pelada site. The miners were trying to press the government to release funds to make the dangerous Serra

Pelada pit safer. Tadeu said armed police gold rush.

charged the 5,000 miners on the bridge from both sides and opened fire. He said many jumped into the river, 80 metres below.

Initial reports from the remote area spoke of only two dead. Nelson Marabuto, a member of a congressional inquiry into Serra Pelada, has alleged that nearly 100 miners died.

Mr. Marabuto, a former president of the National Indian Agency Funai, has made statements to the press accusing Para State Governor Helio Gueiros of being responsible for the deaths. Mr. Gueiros said on Saturday

that Mr. Marabuto's allegations

"do not deserve to be taken

seriously." Difficult communications with Serra Pelada made it difficult for journalists to gather information. One local radio station went off

the air after the clash. Fifteen months ago there were about 40,000 men and their families living at Serra Pelada, the most famous symbol of Brazil's

main political parties, whose

intermittent rivalry dated back to

their leaders' uneasy alliance as

guerrilla chiefs fighting white set-

tler rule in the breakaway British

### Nkomo becomes senior minister in Zimbabwe

HARARE (R) - President the merger of the country's two Robert Mugabe has completed a series of political and constitutional changes by bringing former opposition leader Joshua Nkomo back into Zimbabwe's cabinet.

Announcing the government shuffle on Saturday, Mr. Mugabe said Mr. Nkomo would be one of three senior ministers in the president's office, overseeing several ministries, including local government and rural and urban development.

We are now trying to consolidate national unity by working together," Mr. Nkomo said.

Mr. Mugabe became Zimbabwe's first executive president on New Year's Eve. The post of prime minister, which he had held since independence seven years ago, was abolished. Mr. Nkomo's return follows

Under the new set-up, the former opposition leader will rank just behind Vice-President Simon Muzenda, Mr. Mugabe's deputy. The shuffle gave additional

colony of Rhodesia.

powers to Finance Minister Bernard Chidzero, who will oversee all economic ministries and plan-

Mr. Mugabe gave the defence portfolio, which he had held himself, to Enos Nkala. a bitter enemy of Mr. Nkomo believed to have opposed the merger of the ruling ZANU-PF with Mr. Nko-

### 1,200 evacuated after oil spill into U.S. river

- A massive oil spill from a litres) of heating oil but not all factory near Pittsburgh stretched had spilled into the river. along 24 Kilometres of the Monongahela River has forced the evacuation of 1,200 people because of the risk of fire, officials said on Sunday.

"There's been a catastrophic release of heating oil type fuel," Fire Department spokesman Bob Ferguson said. "The storage tank collapsed and dumped this stuff

all over the place. He said the tank contained

The plan details the perform-

ance capabilities of the vessel,

which would have a displacement

JEFFERSON, Pennsylvania (R) three million gallons (11,356,200

A Coast Guard spokesman said a million-gallon (3,785,400-litre) petrol tank next to the ruptured tank had also leaked some fuel into the river. The cause of the leaks on Saturday evening was not known.

About 1,200 people were evacuated from the area because of the possibility of fire, police said, although below-freezing weather reduced the danger.

### Japan to build carrier to protect sea lanes

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's Defence Agency is considering development of an aircraft carrier and a destroyer equipped with the sophisticated Aegis missile system to protect its sea lanes, a newspaper reported Sunday.

The Yomiuri Shimbun said it obtained a document showing the Defence Agency plans to build an aircraft carrier modeled on the Invincible class used by the Brit-

ish Navy.

a vertical takeoff and landing platform for eight to 10 fighter jets, the paper said. The Invincible class provides command, control and com-

munications facilities as well as facilities for aircraft.

The mass-circulation newspap-

of 16,000 tons and could provide Aegis missile system, which can attack multiple targets simultaneously.

er said the carrier would be de-

veloped after Japan introduces a

destroyer equipped with the

In December the government approved a fiscal 1988 budget which allocates \$31 million for downpayment on an Aegis system, estimated to cost \$1.1 bil-

### 2 quakes shake southern California

A small earthquake rumbled be- community of Yucca Valley, 160 neath a desert area Saturday kilometres east of Los Angeles, Oct. 1 quake shook a Los Angeles suburb, authorities said. No damage was reported Saturday.

PASADENA, California (AP) — Richter Scale rocked the desert hours after an aftershock of the about 11:40 a.m. (1940 GMT).

> Earlier, an aftershock of the big Oct. 1 quake rattled part of the San Gabriel Valley, about 24

Angeles. The 3:52 a.m. (1152 GMT) temblor measured 3.2 on the Richter Scale, said Robert Finn, spokesman for the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. Local sheriff's stations did not

report any damage in either the

### U.S. aides to hold talks with Afghan rebels

they will hold talks on issues jahedeen. including Afghanistan, the State Department said.

Michael Armacost was accompanied by Robert Oakley, Middle East director of the National Security Council staff, said State Department spokesman Rudi Boone.

The State Department said last week that the officials would discuss a wide range of issues, but "certainly there will be a large emphasis on Afghanistan."

in Sunday's editions that Mr. Armacost has asked to see senior the Soviet invasion of Afghanis-Afghan resistance leaders in tan by calling upon the Soviet

The newspaper, quoting administration officials, said President Ronald Reagan sent a message reassuring the rebel leaders that the United States will continue and even strengthen its support for the resistance fighters as long as the Soviet Union continues to press its battle in Afghanistan.

and several other Afghan resistance leaders at the White House last month, and made a similar pledge of U.S. sup

marked the eighth anniversary of

The United States has long pressed for Soviet withdrawal, and Mr. Reagan brought the subject up during his summit meeting with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev last month, urging him to set a timetable for disengage-

Mr. Armacost said Mr. Gorbachev declined to provide the United States with a timetable, but offered to curb Red Army actions once the pullout starts.

"He said they would not engage in military operations except self-defence," Mr. Armacost said on Dec. 22. "It was something, as far as I am aware, that they have never said before,"

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### Reagan gives award to Bob Hope

PALM DESERT, California (R) - President Reagan paid tribute to American comedian Bob Hope on Saturday mehr. presenting him with the first "America's Hope" Award in honour of a "lifetime of service and achievement." "It is appropriate that the first award should go to a gentleman who has practised the liveliest of arts — comedy — for over six happy decades," Mr. Reagan said. He said the 84-year-old British-born comedian's name described his life, "and where there is life there is hope,"
Reagan spoke to political and Hollywood celebrities at the dedication of a \$20 million Bob Hope Cultural Centre in the Californian town of Palm Desert. Mr. Reagan is on holiday in nearby Palm Springs. "Naming a cultural centre for me is like naming a monastery for Gary Hart," Hope said, alluding to the Democratic presidential contender who returned to the race after dropping out when his relationship with model Donna Rice was

#### Australian woman burns children, herself

MELBOURNE (R) — A woman burnt herself and her two children to death after dousing the three of them with petrol in their backyard, Australian police said on Sunday. They said the woman, in her thirties, and a one-year-old daughter were found dead on Saturday in Melbourne's St. Albans suburb. A seven-year-old daughter died in hospital on Sunday. Police did not release the names of the dead and said the woman had recently fallen out with her common law husband.

#### Bodies of slaves buried alive discovered

PEKING (R) — Archaeologists have found tombs in the suburbs of Shanghai containing the bodies of four slaves who were buried alive when their masters died 4,500 years ago. The discovery is the earliest known example in China of such burials and indicates that slavery began at least 400 years earlier than previously thought. the New China News Agency said on Sunday. In one of the three tombs, dated to the Liangzhu culture, two bodies lay under the feet of a third. The two had their hands tied behind them, their legs twisted and heads angled upwards. "This discovery seems to conjure a scene of the buried struggling, resisting, calling for help," the agency said. Jade ornaments, believed to be symbols of power, adorned the remains of the bodies believed to be those of the slave masters.

#### China brewing too much beer

PEKING (R) — China, traditionally a nation of tea-drinkers, is brewing too much beer. The China Daily Business Weekly said on Sunday the country had leaped into sixth place among world beer producers by brewing over five million tonnes in 1987, an increase of more than a quarter over 1986. Zhejiang province in eastern China was in danger of failing to produce enough grain to eat because farmers were growing more and more barley for beer. "Some specialists have called for a check on growing beer production, warning it may cause excessive cuts in output of grain which is in short supply in China," the newspaper said. Fast growing demand for beer has caused unchecked expansion of production and poorer quality in some areas. Ministry of Commerce officials said.

#### Trapped women survive on peanuts

SPRINGERVILLE. Arizona (R) — Two women trapped for 10 days in their snowbound car in a remote part of eastern Arizona survived on peanuts and a bread roll, police said. Lisa Barzano. 18, and Jami Goldman, 19, were found on Saturday by snowmobile riders in Apache National Forest south east of Springerville, police said. They were flown to hospital near the state capital of Phoenix, where they were being treated for frostbite. The pair, last seen on Dec. 23 on their way home from a ski trip, took a wrong turn and became stuck in snow 9,500 feet (2,900 metres) up a mountain road closed for the winter, a police spokesman said. They survived sub-zero temperatures by staying inside their car dressed in ski clothes. They had a bread roll and a bag of peanuts with them, he said.

### Cicciolina bids for party leadership

BOLOGNA, Italy (AP) - Italy's Radical Party, which led the battle for legalisation of divorce and abortion in the 1970s. opened its annual Congress Saturday with its most celebrated exponent, stripper and blue-movie actress Cicciolina, as a candidate for the party leadership. Announcing her candidacy, Cicciolina, whose victorious topless campaign for parliament last year made her an international celebrity, said: "I win sympathy and this reflects on the party." Posters at the 34th Congress displayed the new Radical logo, featuring the face of Mahatma Gandhi in place of the old symbol of a fist clenching a rose. "With all respect for Gandhi, maybe I'd do better," said 37-year-old Cicciolina, whose real name is Ilona Staller. The Hungarian bora star of hard-core porno films said, however, that she does not intend to run for the leadership if the current secretary. Giovanni Negri, stays in office.

### Pasternak's name 'cleared of slander'

MOSCOW (AP) - Poet and author Yevgeny Yevtushenko said the late writer Boris Pasternak's name has been cleared of slander in the Soviet union and there should be no doubt he deserved the 1958 Nobel Prize for Literature. Pasternak, who died in official disgrace in 1960, rejected the prestigious award under pressure from the Soviet government. His sole novel, Doctor Zhivago, was criticised in the Soviet Union because it allegedly sympathised with the aristocracy uprooted by the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution and the four years of civil war that followed. In the past two years, Pasternak has been fully rehabilitated under Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms that encourage reassessment of past official attitudes. Yevtushenko made his comments in a New Year's Day interview with the official TASS news agency. "There should not be any ambiguity about the question of Pasternak's Nobel Prize, he earned it with his entire life and work," Yevtushenko said.

#### Australian bicentennial kicks off

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - Most Australians began celebrating the bicentennial of the continent's settlement by Europeans, but aboriginal activists began what they call a year of mourning. Wreaths were thrown on the beach where British explorer Capt. James Cook landed in 1770. 18 years before the arrival of British convict ships began the continent's colonisation. Prime Minister Bob Hawke was heckled by aborigines, who make up about one per cent of Australia's population of 16 million. Millions of Australians ended the day watching "Australia Live — A Celebration Of a Nation," a four-hour live telecast from 70 locations down under and around the world that included the first-ever live feed from Antarctica. "Every Australian will go to bed on the night of Jan. 1 feeling good about Australia, about the last 200 years and about the future," said Bob Phillips, coordinating producer for the Channel 9 Network.

### Reagan's programme for a space-banning U.S. and Soviet missiles U.K. bans publication of some material from ex-agent's book

LONDON (AP) — The govern- security or intelligence matters. ment has won an interim injunc- The government obtained an tion banning a second newspaper interim injunction against the ing sensitive material from a book by ex-agent Anthony Cavendish.

The latest legal moves sparked renewed protests from editors and opposition politicians that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government is using pre-publication injunctions to destroy press freedom.

High Court Judge Sir Paul Kennedy barred the Sunday Times from publishing material affecting security or Cavendish's work in East Bloc countries in the late 1950s and early 1960s for MI6, which gathers foreign intelligence. On Friday, the government obtained an injunction

against the Observer. But lawyers for the two papers claimed a "small victory" when Kennedy lifted a blanket ban on reporting any material from Cavendish's book, "inside intelli-

Observer on Friday after arguing that Cavendish broke a formal vow never to reveal details of his intelligence work and claiming that publication would damage national security.

Cavendish abandoned a twoyear battle to publish the book after the government threatened legal action, but he sent 500 privately printed copies to friends as Christmas presents.

The battle over the memoirs of former intelligence agents began in 1985 when Britain started court preceedings in Australia to halt publication of Spycatcher by former intelligence officer Peter Wright, using the same secrecy

argument. Britain lost in lower courts and is taking its fight to Australia's highest court, though Spycatcher was published in Australia in October and is a bestseller. It has gence." The judge said the also fought expensive legal bat-Observer and the Sunday Times tles in New Zealand and Hong can print extracts not dealing with Kong to ban the book.

### GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

Both vulnerable. South deals. NORTH **◆AKJ108** ◊6542 **₽9**6 WEST EAST **≜Q5** ♥8542 ♦QJ 109 SOUTH ±93 0A873 AARQ The bidding:
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There is a gamut of deceptive plays involving elaborate falsecards and other maneuvers. Equally effective, however, are those strategies that can be as sim-

ple as refusing to win a trick when it is offered. South fell victim to such a trap on today's hand. Because of his primary controls and body, South felt his hand was

too strong for an opening bid of one no trump. As a result, he stretched

a trifle for his jump to two no

Opening lead: Jack of •

EAST'S TANGLED WEB trump over his partner's one-spade

response. North's raise to game was automatic. West led the top of his club se quence, and declarer could count only five sure winners outside of the spade suit. It seemed a

straightforward matter to develop four spade tricks, so declarer ran the nine of spades at trick two. East followed low without a moment's hesitation. Impressed by the "success" of his finesse, South repeated it and East won with his now bare queen. That left declarer severed from dummy, and eventu-ally he had to be satisfied with six tricks when he went after dia-monds rather than hearts.

Some observers felt South would have done better had he overtaken the nine of spades with dummy's ten in an attempt to make the defenders think he held a singleton. However, it is unlikely that anyone would jump to two no trump with a singleton in partner's suit; regardless, if East was good enough to duck the nine of spades, he would probably have done the same thing even had an honor been played

from the table. Can we really censure declarer for repeating the spade finesse rather than trying to drop the queen? The odds favored a 4-2

### 2 more candidates killed in Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Gunmen shot dead two candidates in separate incidents, raising to 20 the number of candidates slain during the campaign for the Jan. 18 regional elections,

officials said Sunday. As pre-election tension mounted, another candidate for mayor of a Manila suburb said he

had received a death threat. Also, Vice President Salvador Laurel warned that voting, already postponed in some areas. may have to be delayed in other areas because of threats from

Communist rebels. In the latest bloodshed, police said Inocencio Feras, 55, an opposition mayoral candidate in the Mindanao town of Roxas was shot dead Saturday by a lone gunman, who escaped.

Mr. Feras was a former mayor of Roxas, 720 kilometres south of Manila.

He was the fourth candidate slain in Mindanao's Zamboanga peninsula in a spate of killings which began last week, police said.

Also Saturday, gunmen killed town council candidate Gabriel Hinolan as he sat on a podium at a campaign rally in escalante, 505 kilometres south of Manila. He was a pro-government candidate. Hinolan's killers also escaped,

police said. Voters will choose provincial governors, mayors, council members and other local officials in this month's election.

Meanwhile, Jose Mari Gonzalez, a mayoral candidate in the Manila suburb of Mandaluyong, said a written death threat was delivered to him in a gift box along with a grenade and a round of M-16 ammunition on New Year's Eve. He is a candidate of Mr. Laurel's UNIDO party.

Meanwhile hundreds of mourning relatives shouting "justice for the death" marched through Manila on Sunday with the remains of 40 of the estimated 2,000 victims of the world's worst peacetime sea tragedy. The mourners, numbering ab-

out 500, were demanding compensation for relatives of all the victims of the sinking of the ferry Dona Paz, and were escorted by police to a navy ship at Manila docks for a return journey to home provinces.

### A temblor measuring 3.9 on the kilometres north east of Los quake or aftershock Saturday.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two high-ranking U.S. officials left Saturday for Pakistan, where Islamic Alliance of Afghan Mu
Union to promptly and irrevocable ably withdraw its forces from Afghanistan.

Undersecretary of State

The Washington Post reported

Mr. Reagan met with Khalis

Last week, the president